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German Fat Eaters Are "Traitors To Country"

BERLIN, Apr. 17.—Persons eating more fat than is needed for their health and strength must be classed as traitors stealing from their fellow-countrymen, declares the official organ of the German Medical profession to-day.

Exemption is made for occasional festive occasions.—*Reuter.*

FLEET ARRIVES AT GIBRALTAR

French Naval Forces Mass

GIBRALTAR, Apr. 17.

THE LARGEST French fleet for many years arrived here to-day.

Their visit is coincident with the extraordinary military, aerial and naval precautions which are being taken throughout the Mediterranean Sea.

The French fleet included three aircraft carriers, two battleships, three cruisers and ten destroyers.

A Portuguese communique discloses that Italy has given Portugal assurances regarding the presence of Italian troops in Spain.

However, it was not revealed what is behind the assurances.—*United Press.*

BRITISH FLEET AT MALTA

GIBRALTAR, Apr. 17.—While there are now 13 French warships at Gibraltar, it is learned that practically the entire British Mediterranean fleet is in Malta or its vicinity.

Few British ships are at Gibraltar and they are mostly destroyers, which are based locally.—*Reuter.*

Big Manoeuvres In Pacific

SYDNEY, Apr. 17.—Australia's biggest naval manoeuvres since the war began to-day and are continuing until Wednesday.

The New Zealand flagship, Leander, and eight air force squadrons are co-operating with the Australian squadron.

The exercises have been planned as realistically as possible, and include the stopping and questioning of liners.—*Reuter.*

Paris Council To Meet

PARIS, Apr. 17.

An official Council of Ministers has been convoked for to-morrow.

It is reported that the meeting has been called to examine the international situation.—*United Press.*

French Air Precautions

Paris, Apr. 17.

The Prime Minister, M. Daladier, had another long conversation with M. Goy Lachambre, the French Air Minister to-day, the latter reporting on the latest developments of the French air arm, and particularly about the arrangements for co-operation between the French and British air ministries.

Immediately afterwards the Premier had a long talk with the General Secretary of the French Finance Ministry, as well as with the Director of the Budget, concerning measures to be taken in the interests of national defence.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Canadian Oil For Britain

London, Apr. 17.

England is about to secure for her defence forces increased supplies of mineral oil from Canada.

A delegation of Canadian mineral oil experts arrived in Liverpool to-day to confer with representatives of the British War Ministry as to the methods of delivering the supplies.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Norway Warns Shipping

Oslo, Apr. 17.

The Norwegian Ministry for Trade issued a decree to-day requiring the management of all Norwegian shipping companies to instruct all merchant vessels in foreign waters to keep permanently in touch with the

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SOVIET AND THE EASTERN DEFENSIVE SYSTEM

ANTI-AGGRESSION FRONT EXPANDS

PARIS, APR. 17.

WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS STATE THAT RUMANIA HAS AGREED TO SOVIET AID IF NEED ARISES.

Acceptance applies not only to an air pact, but the passage of troops through Rumanian territory.

Commenting on the "most excellent manner" in which negotiations are proceeding with Rumania and Poland in connection with the defensive system in Eastern Europe, authorised quarters point out that these are not yet completed, and it would be premature to make any announcement with regard to them.

TURKEY INCLUDED

A political commentator, writing in the "Intransigeant," says: "It is expected that from April 18, London and Paris will be in a position to announce that the guarantee extended to Poland, Rumania and Greece, includes Turkey.

"The system will be completed by an agreement with the Soviet, which may be made official by the middle of the week."—*Reuter.*

ANGLO-RUSSIAN NEGOTIATIONS

LONDON, Apr. 17.

The Soviet Ambassador visited the British Foreign Office here to-day.

Embassy officials said that he would probably not see Lord Halifax and that his visit was to talk with a lesser British official as it concerns routine questions rather than the major Anglo-Russian negotiations which are now in progress.

When Parliament assembles on Tuesday Mr. Chamberlain will hardly be able to shed much new light on the Anglo-Soviet parleys when he replies to questions as, contrary to the flood of premature press reports, the talks are by no means on the verge of completion.

News, such as that alleging that Russia has already signed agreements with Britain and France to provide an air fleet and munitions in the event of a war, are described officially as being untrue.—*United Press.*

BERLIN, Apr. 17.

WHEN M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister arrives here to-morrow, he will be expected to explain to Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop the exact position about Britain's guarantee.

It is possible that he will be asked to give an assurance that the guarantee will remain one-sided.

It is gathered in Rumanian circles here that M. Gafencu's reply will be that Rumania must welcome any guarantee of her frontiers by anyone. He will also make it clear that Rumania will not consider any frontier revisions at her expense.

The visit was originally arranged in connection with the German-Rumania trade treaty, and this will occupy the bulk of the discussions.

Herr Hitler will receive M. Gafencu on Wednesday morning.

Rumanian circles here say that M. Gafencu is not going to Paris or London.—*Reuter.*

Maisky For Moscow

LONDON, Apr. 17.—It has been announced that the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky, will proceed to Moscow on Tuesday to join in the Anglo-French-Russian negotiations.

This announcement is interpreted as meaning that the negotiations to bring Russia into the peace front have reached a decisive stage and that haste is regarded as essential.—*United Press.*

Activity In London

LONDON, Apr. 17.—The High Commissioner for Eire paid a second visit to Mr. Chamberlain since Friday to-day.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald also called on the Premier on his return from ten days sick leave.—*Reuter.*

Polish-Rumanian Talks

Warsaw, Apr. 17.

Colonel Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, travelled to Cracol to-day to greet his Rumanian colleague, M. Gafencu, who is on his way to Berlin.

The two Foreign Ministers continued their journey together as far as Kattowitz, which afforded them an opportunity of conversing for over an hour.

Foreign Minister Gafencu will spend the night at Breslau, from where he will proceed to Berlin.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Many Die In U.S. Tornado Disaster

New York, Apr. 17.

At least 43 were killed and 170 injured by tornadoes which swept five southern States to-day.

Thousands of acres of Ohio lowlands were submerged.

Relief organisations are bringing help to the stricken areas.—*Reuter.*

Shaded are nine countries which it is suggested may be included in the bloc of Powers opposed to aggression. The Scandinavian countries, Holland, Belgium and Switzerland would remain neutral. As can be seen, the combination against aggressor states would be powerful.

Discrediting Dictators

LONDON, Apr. 17.

When he faces the House of Commons to-morrow, Mr. Chamberlain is expected to give Britain's renewed blessing to President Roosevelt's appeal to the dictators.

The "Yorkshire Post" conveys the dominant opinion here:

"Even though the President's appeal should fail in its primary purpose, it will still be of tremendous value.

"It will discredit Germany and Italy beyond all doubts in the eyes of the world in general and especially in the eyes of the American people, whose willingness to turn their sympathy to practical account must be so potent an influence in coming weeks and months," the paper says.

It is expected that members of Parliament on Tuesday will reveal their impatience for the rapid conclusion of the proposed arrangements with Russia and Turkey.—*United Press.*

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REICH "NO" TO PEACE PLEA

Hitler May Make Counter Proposal

BERLIN, Apr. 17.

THE IMPRESSION in political circles is that Herr Hitler will make some sort of counter-proposal to President Roosevelt, when he gives his reply to the President's appeal in the Reichstag on April 28.

Observers here do not anticipate that Hitler is planning to close the whole matter with a categorical "No."

How far Hitler will go in making his counter-proposals it is impossible to say, but it is suggested here that he will probably maintain that Germany can only be asked to guarantee peace if what she considers her legitimate demands were granted.

These would include settlement of the colonies question, and freedom to pursue economic activities in the Balkans, unhindered by encirclement.—*Reuter.*

Out And Out Rejection

Rome, Apr. 17.

It is thought that the replies of the Axis Powers to President Roosevelt's message will both be tantamount to an out and out rejection of the main proposals, namely a 10-year guarantee that no country be attacked, and the idea of participation in a world conference.

It will be stressed that Italy desires nothing more than peace, and the action, both in Ethiopia and Albania was brought about by a state of affairs which threatened world peace.

Regarding a world conference, it is probable that Italy will declare that satisfaction of her claims against

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HITLER ON "THE SPOT"

European Survey Revelations

LONDON, Apr. 17.

A SURVEY of European authorities indicates that President Roosevelt's peace plan has put Hitler and Mussolini "on the spot", but that it has utterly failed to halt the progress towards war.

"I telephoned authorities whose business it is to know every fluctuation of international affairs, in Paris, Berlin, Rome, London and other capitals," cables Mr. Webb Miller, United Press General European News Manager.

"The survey showed, firstly that President Roosevelt's appeal has momentarily taken the diplomatic initiative which the dictators have been holding.

"Secondly, it has greatly strengthened European morale in the anti-aggression front.

Responsibility For War

"Thirdly, it has helped to crystallise world opinion outside the totalitarian bloc towards the view that the responsibility for war rests with Hitler and Mussolini.

"The message is considered by the leaders of the anti-aggression front to mean that the United States will be morally on their side in the event of war. It has also increased the opinion in some quarters that America will probably lend military aid in an emergency, and therefore it tends to solidify the masses in support of measures which European nations are taking under Anglo-French leadership."—*United Press.*

LATEST

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London Newsman Expelled

BERLIN, Apr. 17.—The Berlin correspondent of the London "News-Chronicle" has been asked to leave Germany within 14 days.

The reason given for his expulsion is that he has persistently sent "false and tendentious reports on German conditions."—*Trans-Ocean.*

JAPANESE USE GAS

Attempt To Halt Chinese Offensive

Yuanku, Apr. 17.

LIBERAL USE of poison, particularly asphyxiating and sneezing gas bombs, was again resorted to by Japanese forces in recent encounters with Chinese forces on the Chungtiaoshan sector in south Shansi, military reports reaching here claim.

Despite the use of gas by the enemy, Chinese forces in the past week have recaptured considerable lost ground among the hilly terrain. On April 13, a terrific Chinese artillery barrage on the Japanese at Hsiahsien, south of Wensi, inflicted heavy losses to the Japanese garrison, killing and wounding over a hundred men, and reportedly injured the puppet magistrate there.

To the east of the Fen River, the Japanese forces at Yicheng, twenty miles southeast of Linfen, have been surrounded by the Chinese troops. More than 1,000 Japanese at Kuwo, rushed northeastward to Yicheng in

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SOCIALISTS WON'T JOIN CABINET

POLITICAL CRISIS WORRIES BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, Apr. 17.

THE SOCIALIST Ministers of the Belgian Cabinet have resigned.

The Premier, M. Pierlot is reforming the Cabinet on a two-party basis.—*United Press.*

The Socialist Party Congress has rejected by a majority of 62,000 votes, and 15,000 abstentions, a resolution in favour of Socialist participation in the Belgian Government.—*Reuter and United Press.*

Stop-Gap Cabinet

Brussels, Apr. 17.

The Belgian Premier, M. Hubert Pierlot has formed a new Cabinet with the Socialist M. Eugene Soudan, remaining in temporary charge of Foreign Affairs, an office which M. Paul Spaak will actually hold.

However, M. Spaak is withholding his definite acceptance in order that he may be more free to tell the National Congress and the Labour Party his viewpoint on the participation of the Socialists in the tripartite government.—*United Press.*

Aim Of Eire Is Peace

"Only Providence Can Prevent War"

LONDON, Apr. 17.

"THE AIM of the Eire Government's policy is to maintain and preserve neutrality in case of war", declared Mr. Eamon De Valera, speaking at Ennis (Ireland) to-day.

He added: "The desire of the Irish people and the Government, is to keep the nation out of war, and the only way to secure this aim is to put ourselves in the best position to

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CROATIAN AUTONOMY IN YUGO-SLAVIA SEEN

ZAGREB, Apr. 17.

THE YUGO-SLAV Premier, M. Tsvetkovitch, and the Croatian opposition leader, M. Matchek, announced to-day that they had reached an agreement as to the basis for discussion of the Croatian autonomy problem.

The agreement is to be referred to the parties concerned, after which M. Tsvetkovitch and M. Matchek will hold a further meeting, probably this week.

It is emphasised that once the important territorial questions are settled, a Government could be formed representing the Government Party and the Croats and Serbian opposition Party.—*Reuter.*

Complete Autonomy

Belgrade, Apr. 17.

The pending agreement between the Serbs and Croats will, according to press reports, provide for the administrative union of Sava Banat with the maritime Banat, thus creating a homogenous Croat Banat with 4,500,000 inhabitants, who will enjoy complete autonomy within the framework of the existing Yugo-Slav constitution.

In respect of all questions pertaining to the administration of internal affairs, such as Justice, Economy, and Culture, Banat will be entirely autonomous, while questions affecting the interests of Yugo-Slavia, such as Foreign, Military and Financial affairs, will remain reserved for the Yugo-Slav State.—*Trans-Ocean.*

FLOGGING TO END IN THE NAVY

Request Made By Admiralty

The Admiralty has asked the Government to abolish flogging in the Navy.

This was announced by Sir Terence O'Connor, the Solicitor-General, when a Standing Committee of the House of Commons again considered the Government's Criminal Justice Bill recently.

Sir Terence moved an amendment, which was passed, applying to the Navy the section of the bill proposing to abolish corporal punishment. It was not necessary, he said, to do this in the case of the Army and the Air Force, because flogging did not apply there.

Sir Archibald Southby (Cons., Epsom), a former naval officer asked when the Admiralty's request reached the Home Office and why the Committee was not told of it when they were discussing the clause abolishing flogging.

Sir Terence said the Admiralty expressed their view some time ago, but it did not seem proper to try to influence the decision of the Committee simply because the Board of Admiralty had taken that view.

Sections applying the proposal to abolish penal servitude, hard labour and prison divisions to the Navy were also agreed to.

[Until 1881 the "cat" was an authorised instrument of punishment in the Navy. Corporal punishment is now retained only for mutiny and closely allied offences in peace time, the maximum sentence being 25 lashes.]

"PROTECT SOCIETY"

The problem of the persistent offender was discussed on the clause proposing corrective training for offenders between 21 and 30 and preventive detention for offenders over 30. The bill provides that the sentence in such cases should be not less than two years and not more than four years.

Mr. R. H. Turton (Cons., Thirsk and Malton) moved an amendment to give courts power to impose sentences up to 10 years' preventive detention for certain offences such as rape.

Mr. Rhys Davies (Soc., Westhoughton) objected to the idea that offenders should be "clapped into prison and left there to rot."

Sir Terence O'Connor, resisting the amendment, said he doubted whether the totalitarian regimes had anything quite so formidable as Mr. Turton proposed.

Sir William Wayland (Cons., Canterbury): The Committee burnt their boats behind them when they abolished corporal punishment, which would be a very effective punishment for the cases which Mr. Turton mentioned. Although I do not like the German code, I would certainly adopt the German way of treating such cases.

"SANCTION AGAINST CRIME"

Mr. Turton appealed to the Government to strengthen the clause before the next stage.

"For the young offender," he said "we should show as much mercy as possible, and do all we can to reform him; but the man who is irreformable, the man whom previously you would have liked to flog—that is the man from whom you must protect society by keeping him in preventive detention."

Sir Terence said the clause was one of the most important in the bill.

"It goes a long way," he added, "to answer a good deal of the argument against the abolition of flogging. We are now leaving the law without any sanction against the hardened criminal. This clause is in effect the sanction which is going to be operated in many of the cases which have defied any treatment previously except that of the lash."

REMANDS FOR INQUIRY

Sir Terence submitted an amendment to redraft the clause giving courts power to make reception orders against persons of unsound mind. Two medical practitioners would now be required not merely to give certificates, but to give evidence in court on the grounds from which they formed their opinion.

The amendment and a clause giving power to order remand for inquiry into a person's mental condition were agreed to.

$12,000 Opium Importation

Charged with being concerned in the importation of over $12,000 worth of chandu into Singapore on March 16, a Chinese, Low Tng, who claimed trial to the offence in the Singapore Criminal District Court recently, had further hearing of the charge postponed

The alleged offence was said to have taken place in Stanley Street. The amount of chandu concerned was 1,524 tahils.

The accused was alleged to have had a consignment of rubber-cloth consigned from Hongkong by the steamer Gustave Diederichsen, while trading under the name of Chop Soon Hong.

When customs officers, led by Mr. A. H. Capel, examined the rubber cloth, they found the chandu concealed in it.

POSTPONEMENT ASKED FOR

Mr. Mark Morrison, counsel for the defence, asked for two weeks' postponement before the hearing of the case, as he received no instructions and had no knowledge of the case.

Furthermore it was "very complicated."

Mr. Wallace Kemp, prosecuting officer, said he was prepared to carry on, as he had all his witnesses and the exhibits in court.

Mr. L. B. Gibson, the judge, remarked that the case was down for trial and he would proceed with the formal evidence, and then adjourn the case afterwards.

Chair's Afire, He's Asleep

Omaha, Neb.

Firemen and police chuckled when they answered a "gas" case at a rooming house. The fire rescue car, the police homicide detail, a cruiser car, police ambulance and detectives were at the scene—only to find a man sleeping in a chair which had been ignited by a cigar held in his hand.

LUNCH OF NATIONS

Youth took its bow at Grosvenor House, Park-lane, recently when Miss Christina Foyle, in search of another new idea to add to her list of literary luncheons, invited children of all nations to meet youthful prodigies. Here are some of the guests:

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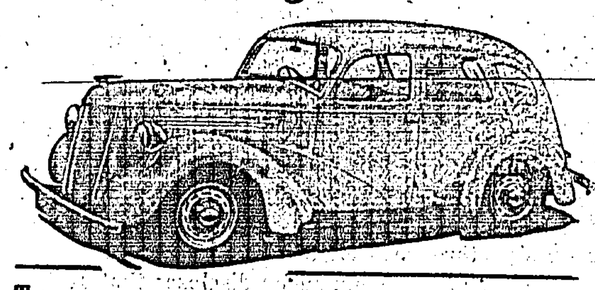

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"Hide And Seek" In Church—And Why

BREAM (Gloucestershire).

CHILDREN have been allowed by the vicar, the Rev. Arthur Parr, to play "hide-and-seek" in the parish church here—but only to illustrate a simple address he gave them.

This was revealed recently when the vicar attacked, at the annual Parochial Church Council meeting, the apathy of some adults towards the church.

He pointed out that the most successful church attendances were made by the children of Bream.

The vicar suggested that the grown-ups should drop in at the children's services to see how well they were attended.

He added: "I hope you will not criticise me when I reveal that to encourage the children I have allowed them to play hide-and-seek in the church."

EXPLAINING PRAYER

And the vicar explained his statement: "The children did not actually play hide-and-seek," he said.

"What happened was this. I called two children out, and told one of them to hide behind a pillar and pray and another to pray in full view of the congregation.

"This was to illustrate my contention that the church was not always a place where you attended the services to be seen. It was a place where you sometimes went to pray when opportunity offered."

Duke Vacates His Castle

THE Duke of Northumberland recently confirmed the report that he and his mother, the Duchess, are vacating Alnwick Castle, Northumberland, and will live in 20-roomed Lesbury House, on the estate.

Alnwick Castle has 200 rooms and employs 100 servants.

The following statement was issued by the Duke:

"Owing to the very heavy incidence of Death Duties incurred twice within 12 years, together with the present state of income and sur-tax and a serious depreciation in income with which all coal royalty owners will be faced in the near future, the Duke has reluctantly decided to close the castle for the time being and occupy Lesbury House."

Alnwick Castle has been in possession of the Percys, the Duke's family, 030 years.

The Duke succeeded to the title in 1930. Death duties on his father's estate of £2,500,000 amounted to more than £1,000,000.

Duty Free "Iron Lungs"

Canberra.

Australia's Federal government will not impose customs duty on any "iron lung" respirators presented by Lord Nuffield under his Empire-wide gift scheme.

According to the Prime Minister (Mr. Lyons), applications from Australia for the respirators numbered about 170. The normal duty would be £40 each. Besides remitting this the government is paying transport and landing charges.

Freak Mishap Snaps Leg

HOLDENVILLE, Okla.

L. J. Morgan suffered a broken leg in a freak accident near here. The 35-year-old Atwood, Okla., service station employee, drove a tractor past a wire lying on the ground. The wire caught his trousers leg, pulling him from the machine.

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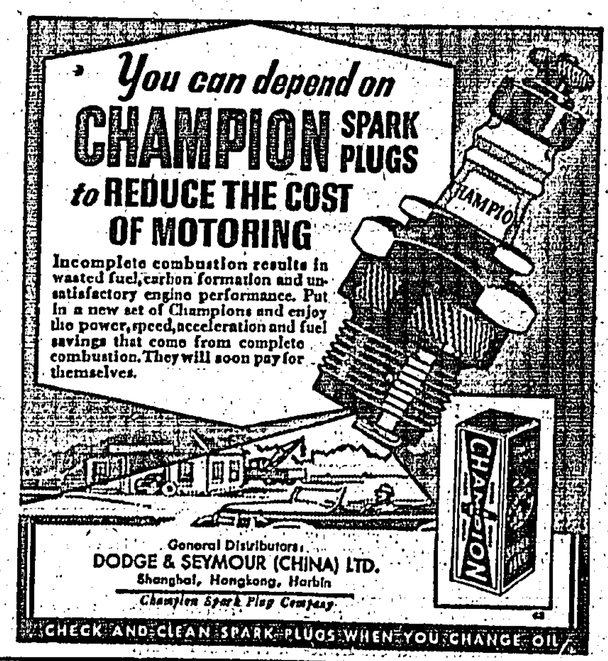

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MISS ALLAN SAYS "I'M NOT A STAR"

WHEN the film "The Citadel" was being planned, Miss Elizabeth Allan wanted the heroine, Christine, to die—as in A. J. Cronin's book.

She had an argument with Mr. Victor Saville, writer of the screen version, and he explained that he wanted Christine to live.

This was revealed by Miss Allan in the King's Bench Division recently, when she sued Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer British Studios, Ltd., for alleged breach of contract.

She complained that after the company had engaged her to play the chief star part in "The Citadel," advertised her as being engaged, they then refused to engage her and employed somebody else.

"A DISTINGUISHED ACTRESS"

Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., for Miss Allan—in private life Mrs. Elizabeth O'Bryen—said she was a distinguished actress and also appeared on the films.

But the performances of distinguished stage actresses on the films had to "grow," and although Miss Allan had been in receipt of a considerable salary and had played in well-known pictures, she had not reached the point known in the profession as a star.

If she had played the part in "The Citadel," she would thereafter have been recognised as a star; her salary would have increased, and her engagements would have been much greater.

"I think you will have no doubt that, if her story is true, Miss Allan has been shamefully treated—treated with gross discourtesy," Sir Patrick Hastings said. "She has suffered grave financial loss, and I shall ask for heavy damages."

"A GREAT FOLLOWING"

Cross-examining Miss Allan, Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., asked: "You have a great public following, have you not?

Miss Allan: I don't know. I have not made a film for some time. I should like to think so.

You are not in the habit of coming into this court on an ordinary day?—No.

"But you have a great public following," Mr. Birkett observed, gazing round at the crowded court.

Mr. Justice Singleton: If you continue on this line, there will be even more to-morrow, Mr. Birkett.

"The words 'star' or 'stardom' are merely journalese, are they not?" Mr. Birkett asked.

"I should think so, yes," Miss Allan replied.

They indicate a public performer in the first flight?—Yes.

You have been that for some years?—No. I have been under contract as a featured player except in England, where it is very indefinite what a star is. It is very much harder to be a star in America.

But it is more preferable to be a star in England?—I think so, yes.

FAME IN ENGLAND

And you are a star in England?—Only as far as a very small public is concerned. The public in England is very much smaller than the public in America.

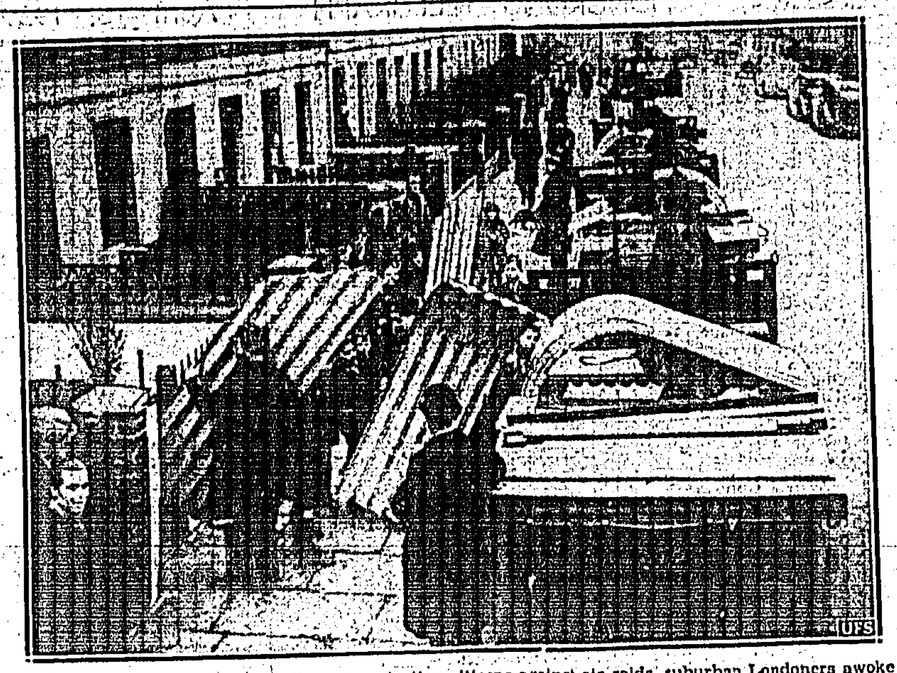
You would concede that your reputation in England is established?—Yes.

Sir Patrick Hastings: Who gets most money?—The star in America.

And that is one of the reasons why it is harder to be a star in America?—Yes.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer British Studios, Ltd., denied the agreement alleged; denied that there had been any breach of the agreement, and denied the damages alleged.

The hearing was adjourned.



In keeping with Britain's policy of protecting citizens against air-raids, suburban Londoners awoke recently to find workmen delivering air-raid shelters from the government, as above. Task was to accept the metal and get it properly assembled.

Providing For 210,000 More Territorials

Immediate steps are to be taken to provide equipment and accommodation for the 210,000 additional members of the Territorial Army involved in the decision, announced by Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons recently.

This means that the Territorials will be brought up to a total of 340,000, equivalent to 26 divisions. The increase will lead to:

The building of more ordnance factories;
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Building more drill halls; and
Orders on a vast scale for uniforms, and so on, will be placed.

There is already a plentiful supply of rifles. There will be one for all who join, however swift the rush.

Mr. Chamberlain made his statement in reply to Mr. Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, who asked what were the intentions of the Government regarding the Territorial Army. The Prime Minister said:

The House will remember that in a recent statement I announced that every aspect of our national life, including the national defence programmes, would be examined anew.

In the course of this review his Majesty's Government have been impressed with the need for availing themselves still further of the spirit of voluntary service which is manifest throughout the country. (Cheers.) In particular they feel that they cannot allow would-be recruits for the Territorial Army to be refused because the units to which they apply are already over strength.

Accordingly they have given consideration to the position, and have come to the following conclusions:

The Territorial Field Army, which is now on a peace establishment of 130,000 men, will be raised forthwith to war establishment, which will involve an addition of about 40,000 men to this figure.

The Territorial Field Army so brought up to war establishment will be doubled, and will therefore be allotted an establishment of 340,000 men.

The House will appreciate that these important decisions will involve a number of consequential decisions to provide for the necessary increases in accommodation, in the number of competent instructors, in equipment and reserves, and in the war potential necessary to maintain the increased forces.

Plans for all these matters are being worked out, and further information about them will from time to time be given to the House.

It will be realised that a further and much augmented effort will be required to bring home to the nation the need for obtaining the numbers aimed at in the shortest possible time, and I trust that all members of the House will be willing in one form or another to give their aid in such an effort.

AVAILABLE OVERSEAS

The Prime Minister, in further reply to Mr. Greenwood, said that his statement was evidence of the Government's opinion that it had not by any means exhausted what could be done by voluntary service, and that it would demonstrate the possibilities of voluntary service meeting all our needs.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Leader of the Liberal Opposition, said that he and his friends would help in any way they could.

Replying to Sir Alfred Knox, the Prime Minister said that the desirability of increasing the period of training of the Territorial Army would be considered. He also pointed out to Mr. Bellenger that his announcement showed that double the number of divisions would in time be available for overseas service.

The cost of the new Territorial Army developments alone will be more than the total cost of the whole Army three or four years ago. A Supplementary Estimate will be presented shortly by Mr. Hore-Belisha, Minister of War.

It is understood that there will be ample equipment for training purposes. By the time training is over, full war equipment will be ready.

A notable innovation is that the officers will be recruited as far as possible from the ranks.

This principle, though followed throughout the anti-aircraft units, has not formerly been put into general practice in the Territorial infantry and artillery.

TELEGRAMS SENT

Telegrams were sent yesterday to Territorial area commands and requests made that drill-hall requirements to meet the training needs in each district should be notified within three weeks.

It is believed that the first rush of applications will bring the strength up to war establishment—an increase of 40,000 men.

Whenever it is found impossible to cope with applicants each man will receive a card and his name will be recorded so that he may be called to undergo training as soon as local arrangements have been completed.

Provision of drill halls will be one of the pressing difficulties. It is believed that as soon as areas have stated where they consider a drill hall desirable, local authorities will co-operate in preparing plans and having a hall built at government expense with as little delay as possible. There will, it is anticipated, inevitably be considerable congestion at first.

National Television Soon

Mr. F. W. Ogilvie, Director-General of the B.B.C., speaking at Liverpool recently at the opening of the B.B.C. travelling exhibition, said that they hoped to make television a national system soon.

"We have been hard at it for two years," he said, "and we have now come to a critical landmark in television work.

"We have developed the resources not merely with a view to the benefit of a 30 or 40-mile radius around London, but as a nucleus of a national system, and we want to take further steps to make television a national system at the earliest opportunity.

"The speed at which we can go forward depends on two things. Firstly, the result of technical experience as to the means of transmission, and it is hoped these results will be known before very long, although certainly not this year; and, secondly, the question of finance, because the B.B.C. does not get the whole of the 10s. paid for wireless licences.

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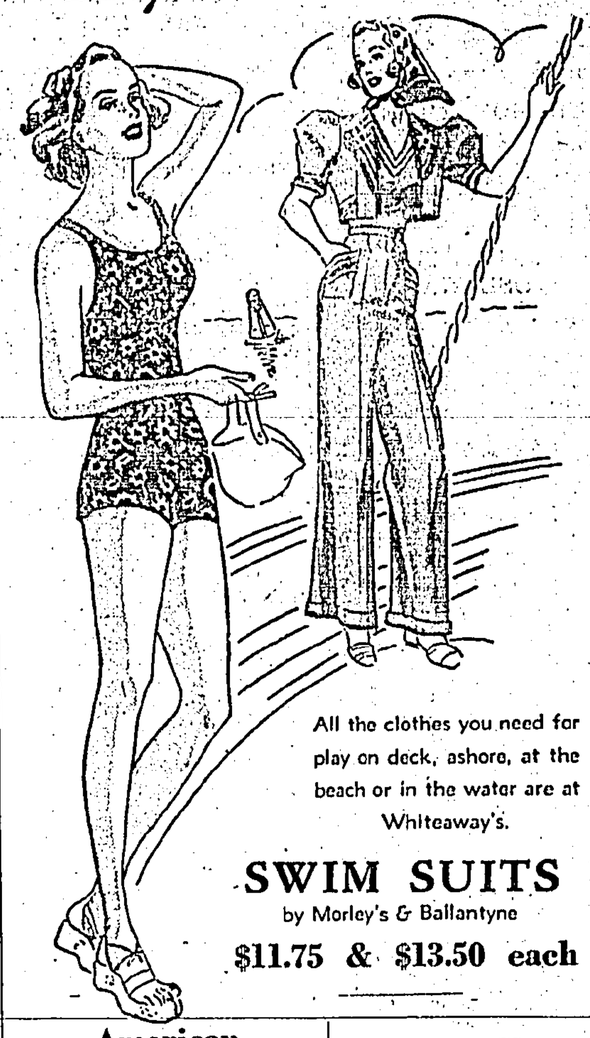

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This statement was made recently by Dr. S. J. Peters, Doctor of Laws, National Liberal M.P. for Huntingdon, and Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of Labour.

Dr. Peters strongly opposed the Minister of Health's decision to retain this ban in the Bill, and requested that the Whips should be taken off when it was discussed in the House of Commons.

"I shall defy this part of the law, as will hundreds of healers who are curing people in many parts of the country," he said.

"IT WORKS"

"Many years ago, when I was very ill, a qualified doctor failed to help me. I heard of a woman at St. Ives who healed by laying on of hands and prayer. I sent for her and she made me well.

"Later it was discovered that I also had the power to heal in the same way. I don't care whether it is called faith, magnetism or any other name—the fact is it works.

"There is a woman living near Huntingdon who suffered from what the doctors called inoperable cancer. I laid my hands on her and prayed; after some weeks she was well. The cancers left her body, roots and all, and doctors later declared her free of the disease. You may go to see her yourself."

Dr. Peters then gave the name and address of the woman.

"PRAYED FOR POWER"

"A few years ago I was told about a man who was dying. I went to his cottage and relatives told me he could not live. I held out my hands to him and prayed for power to heal.

"That man, who did not know me, was suffering from double pneumonia and other complications. Within a month he was working in the fields.

"It is no use the medical profession denying these stories. People who, according to qualified doctors, were dying are still alive through this power which has been given to hundreds of men and women. I have never received a penny for the work; it is a great privilege to do it."

MORE QUAIL

GUTHRIE, Okla.

From 1,000 coops in the state quail hatchery near here are expected to come 25,000 birds next year for distribution throughout Oklahoma. The number will be nearly five times the total output in 1938. Some 4,500 "brood quail" now are in a long feeding pen, receiving a scientific ration including kaffir corn. Later they will be transferred to the coops.

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JAPANESE USE GAS

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an attempt to drive a wedge into the Chinese ring, were waylaid by the defenders at Nanfanchen and beaten back after receiving a large number of casualties.

At Wensi, the Japanese forces have been increased to 2,000 men and fierce fighting has broken out in the vicinity.—*Central News.*

Japanese Excuses

Shanghai, Apr. 17.

Japanese quarters admit that the Chinese forces have undertaken an offensive recently, but claim that such movements are now dying down, and that in any case, they favoured the Japanese troops, since they enabled the latter to strike at large Chinese concentrations, instead of, as previously, scattered groups.

However, it is stated that the various engagements as a result of the offensive were insignificant, involving only a small number of troops, and resulting in comparatively small losses.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Drive On Nanchang

Tungsiang, Apr. 18.

Chinese troops launching a counter-drive against the Japanese at Nanchang have crossed the Fu River flowing to the southeast of Nanchang. They are approaching Lientang, nine miles from Nanchang.

Some 200 Japanese, however, attempted to cross to the south bank of the Fu River yesterday to attack the Chinese. They were fired upon by the Chinese while crossing.

The Japanese column driving southward from Nanchang along the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway has failed to make any headway. It has been held in check for days at Liangchiatu, 20 miles south of Nanchang.

Japanese batteries at Kaoan have been shelling intermittently across the Chin River. Chinese troops counter-attacking Kaoan are reported to be outside the city. Last Saturday they succeeded in breaking into the city and challenged the Japanese to street fighting. However, they later withdrew.—*Central News.*

Brisk Kwangtung Fighting

Yungyun, Apr. 18.

Brisk fighting continues between Tsengshing and Tsungfa, according to latest military advices from the Kwangtung front.—*Central News.*

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

The Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held in the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, 5th Floor, on Wednesday, 26th April, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 22nd April, to Wednesday, 26th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

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The Transfer Register will be closed from April 10th to 22nd, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the
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M. Y. TANG,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 1, 1939.

AIM OF EIRE IS PEACE

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defend ourselves, so that no one can hope to attack us, or to violate our territory with impunity.

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Madrid Victory Parade

MADRID, Apr. 17.—Over 500,000 troops will take part in the Madrid victory parade which has been provisionally fixed for May 15.

The parade will officially mark the end of the civil war.

General Franco is expected to make an important speech.—*Reuter.*

Apparently due to the heavy rain which fell during the last two days, the roof of a house in Yu On Lane, near Second Street, collapsed last night. A section near the kitchen gave way, and a woman who was cooking at the time received slight injuries. She was removed to Queen Mary Hospital.

REICH "NO" TO PEACE PLEA

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France is the condition for her entering any world conference.

It is anticipated that President Roosevelt's telegram will become a dead letter here, and that no counter-proposals will be made.—*Reuter.*

Italo-German Talks

Rome, Apr. 17.

Field-Marshal Hermann Goering left for Berlin to-day after talks with Mussolini on President Roosevelt's message.

Italy's reply to the appeal is expected to be made simultaneously with Germany's.—*Reuter.*

World Opinion Behind U.S.

Washington, Apr. 17.

World public opinion for peace is "strongly developing" behind President Roosevelt's appeal to Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini, said Mr. Cordell Hull, in a statement to-day.

He declared that the Administration was "much gratified" by the reaction from the European and Western Hemisphere to the President's proposal.

He said: "There is evidence of a definite feeling that a practical and timely contribution has been made to the cause of peace, and that public opinion, the most potent of all forces for peace, is strongly developing throughout the world."

Mr. Cordell Hull said that he had received no indication from Berlin and Rome what their answers would be.—*Reuter.*

Berlin Hostility

Berlin, Apr. 17.

The evening papers here continue to publish hostile comments on President Roosevelt's message, emphasising the favourable reception given to it by the Western Powers and the Soviet.

The "Lokalan Zeitung" considers that the haste with which M. Kalinin replied is proof that it was the result of "pre-concerted action."

The "Boersen Zeitung" denounces the "diabolical anticipations" of the British and French press, which "gives an ever clearer expression to the hope that the Axis Powers are now confronted by the alternative: either war or complete submission." The paper goes on to say that "this satanic hope is especially concentrated on Germany."

The "Deutsche Allgemein Zeitung" takes the view that President Roosevelt cannot expect the Axis Powers to have confidence in him, since he openly avowed his hostility to them before offering mediation.

The paper asks why the President did not address to the British Government a list of the countries supposed to be in danger of aggression, which includes Palestine, Syria, Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, the British activities in those regions being scarcely compatible with the humanitarian principles laid down by President Roosevelt.—*Trans-Ocean.*

New World's Gratitude

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull to-day expressed his gratification at the public and governmental reaction to President Roosevelt's notes to the dictators.

He said it was the unanimous sentiment of the sixteen American nations, and also that Canada is mobilising public opinion in favour of the maintenance of peace.

"Naturally I and my associates are much gratified at the reaction in this hemisphere and in Europe. There are evidences of a definite feeling that a practical and timely contribution has been made to the cause of peace," said Mr. Hull.

He said no direct reply had yet been received from either Germany or Italy.—*United Press.*

LONDON, Apr. 17.—Six men, implicated in the murder of the British Consul in Mosul, Mr. Monck-Mason, were sentenced to-day by a court-martial in Baghdad to terms of penal servitude varying from eight to 15 years.—*Trans-Ocean.*

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

Only a few small enquiries were dealt with during the day and at prices approximating the opening quotations. With the political situation so cloudy, the market has recently adopted a hesitant attitude, particularly on Mondays, nowadays being inclined to take guidance from the trend of the London market, and this is not available until Tuesday mornings.

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Entertainments $0.40

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H.K. Docks (Old) $15½
China Lights (Old) $7.00
Vibro Piling $7
Antamoks Ps. .31
Atoks .20
Baguio Gold .23
Benguet Consolidated 10.80
Coco Grove .31
Demonstrations .13
I. X. L. .52
Itogons .22½
North Camarines .48
San Mauricio 1.72
Suyoc .15
United Paracale .58

FRENCH NAVAL FORCES MASS

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Norwegian wireless information service, as this service will at once issue reports should danger of war in Europe become acute.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Hitler Reviews Troops

Vienna, Apr. 17.

Herr Hitler and General von Brauschitch to-day reviewed recruits at St. Poelten, 30 miles west of Vienna.—*Reuter.*

Fear Of Force

Berlin, Apr. 17.

Well informed sources are of the opinion that Germany will renew her proposals for the return of Danzig to the Reich.

All sources insist that Germany will not take Danzg by force, since they fear that a forcible move either against Danzig or the Polish Corridor will probably be a signal for general hostilities, which Germany is apparently still anxious to avoid.—*United Press.*

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Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due.
Shanghai	Ajax	April 18.
Straits	Cremer	April 18.
Haiphong	Canton	April 18.
Haiphong and Fort Bayard	Kingyuan	April 18.
Tientsin and Swatow	Nanchang	April 18.
Saigon	Ninghai	April 18.
Straits	Tegelberg	April 18.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 12th April.	Imperial Airways Plane	April 19.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kiangsu	April 19.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 12th April.	Pan American Airways Plane	April 19.
Manila	Pres. Taft	April 19.
Manila	Roseville	April 19.
Straits	Bangalore	April 20.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 1st April).	Emp. of Russia	April 20.
Australia and Manila	Kamo Maru	April 20.
Bangkok and Swatow	Mulnam	April 20.
Japan and Shanghai	Somali	April 20.
Amoy	Tilawa	April 20.
Straits	Bellorophon	April 21.
Straits and Manila	Gneisenau	April 21.
Formosa, Japan and Shanghai	Hakozaki Maru	April 21.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Tuesday		
Canton	Hunshan Maru	Tues., Apr. 18, 1.00 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing Wah	Tues., Apr. 18, 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy, Chuanchow and Foochow	Haitan	Tues., Apr. 18, 3 p.m.
Japan	Kutsang	Tues., Apr. 18, 7 p.m.
Saigon, Madang, Salamaua and Rabaul	m/v Neptune	Tues., Apr. 18, 7 p.m.
Shanghai	Tegelberg	Tues., Apr. 18, 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday		
Tientsin	Ninghai	Wed., Apr. 19, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Mingsang	Wed., Apr. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Straits, Penang, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Marseilles and London—due London, 25th May.	Ajax	Wed., Apr. 19, G. P. O. and K. P. O. Parcels, Apr. 19, Noon.
Shanghai	Diomed	Wed., Apr. 19, 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Wingsang	Wed., Apr. 19, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Tsinan	Wed., Apr. 19, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service" —due San Francisco, 26th April.	Pan American Airways Plane	Wed., Apr. 19. K.P.O. Reg., Apr. 19, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 19, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., Apr. 19, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 20, 7.30 a.m.
Thursday		
Haiphong	Canton	Thurs., Apr. 20, 2 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	Thurs., Apr. 20, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 27th April	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Apr. 20. K.P.O. Reg. Apr. 20, 5 p.m. Ord. Apr. 20, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. Apr. 20, 5 p.m. Ord. Apr. 20, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia—by—"Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 29th April	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Apr. 20. K.P.O. Reg. Apr. 20, 5 p.m. Ord. Apr. 20, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. Apr. 20, 5 p.m. Ord. Apr. 20, 7 p.m.
Shanghai	Bangalore	Thurs., Apr. 20, 7.00 p.m.
Japan	Kamo Maru	Thurs., Apr. 20, 7 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco and (Papers only for Canada)—due San Francisco, 11th May and Europe (except Great Britain and, Eire) via Siberia	President Taft	Thurs., Apr. 20. G. P. O. and K. P. O. Parcels, Apr. 20, 5 p.m. Reg., Apr. 21, 9.45 a.m. Ord., Apr. 21, 10.30 a.m.
Friday		
Swatow and Foochow	Yochow	Fri., Apr. 21, 10.30 a.m.
Papers only for Straits and (Parcels and papers) for Calcutta	Suisang	Fri., Apr. 21. Parcels Apr. 21, 11 a.m. Papers Apr. 21, Noon.
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan	Hakusan Maru	Fri., Apr. 21, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Gneisenau	Fri., Apr. 21, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"	Air France Plane	Fri., Apr. 21. K.P.O. Reg., Apr. 21, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 21, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., Apr. 21, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 21, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 4th May	Hakozaki Maru	Fri., Apr. 21. K.P.O. Reg. Apr. 21, 5 p.m. Ord. Apr. 21, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. Apr. 21, 5 p.m. Ord. Apr. 21, 6.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th May	Hakozaki Maru	Fri., Apr. 21. K.P.O. Reg. Apr. 21, 5 p.m. Ord. Apr. 21, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. Apr. 21, 5 p.m. Ord. Apr. 21, 7 p.m.
Saturday		
Haiphong	Pronto	Sat., Apr. 22, 10 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kiangsu	Sat., Apr. 22, 2 p.m.
Amoy	Cremer	Sat., Apr. 22, 3.30 p.m.
Sunday		
Shanghai	Conte Biancamano	Sun., Apr. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Esang	Sun., Apr. 23, 9 a.m.
Saigon and Bangkok via Swatow	Kaigan	Sun., Apr. 23, 9 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kiangsu	Sun., Apr. 23, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 1st May	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Apr. 24. K.P.O. Reg. Apr. 24, 5 p.m. Ord. Apr. 24, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. Apr. 24, 5 p.m. Ord. Apr. 24, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 1st May	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Apr. 24. K.P.O. Reg. Apr. 24, 5 p.m. Ord. Apr. 24, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. Apr. 24, 5 p.m. Ord. Apr. 24, 7 p.m.

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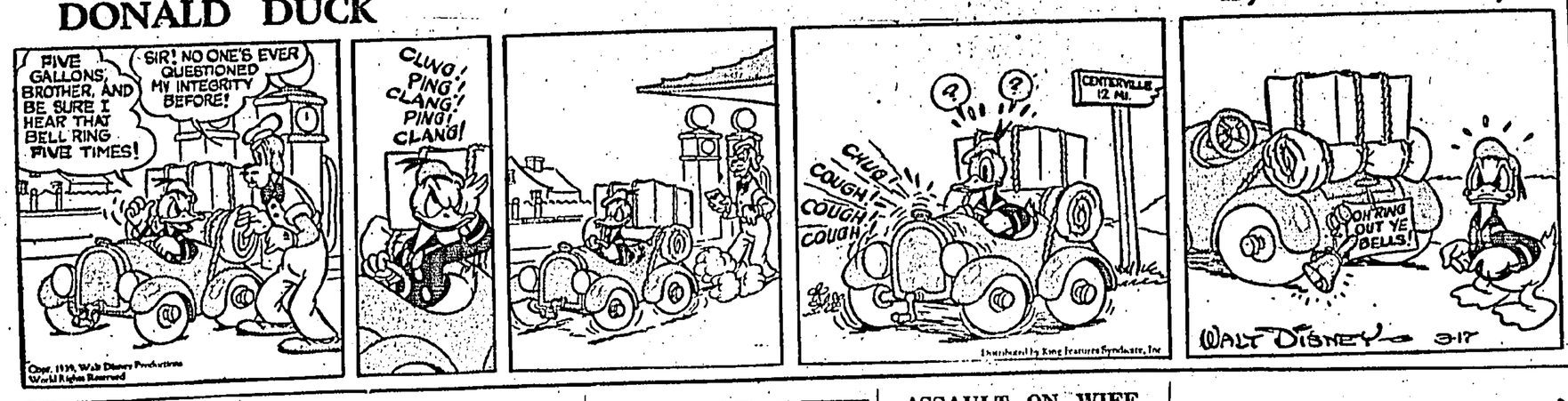

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OBITUARY

Mr. Justice Thornton Reached Great Age

The death is reported by Reuter from Durban; at the age of 80, of a man whose forced resignation from the post of Senior Puisne Judge, Straits Settlements, caused a Singapore storm 33 years ago, says the Singapore *Free Press*.

The man was Mr. Justice Thornton, who was appointed a Puisne Judge in 1904 and Senior Puisne Judge two years later. He had practised at the local Bar in 1886 and had served on the Bench in Singapore and Malacca before a spell in the West Indies.

Mr. Justice Thornton was the first victim of the rule introduced by the Governor, Sir John Anderson, that Judges would have to retire at 55. The next victim was Mr. Justice Fisher, who, according to "One Hundred Years of Singapore," "died of a broken heart."

KUOMINTANG LEADER

Chengtu, Apr. 17.

The death is announced of Mr. Hsieh Chieh, member of the Kuomintang Central Supervisory Committee and State Councillor, yesterday morning at his Chengtu residence.

Mr. Hsieh has been a revolutionary leader for the past thirty years, and was a staunch supporter of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the late Party Leader. —*Central News.*

MRS. W. T. CHEUNG

Her friends and relatives will learn with much regret of the passing of Mrs. W. T. Cheung, wife of Dr. W. T. Cheung, who for many years has been a medical practitioner in Hongkong. Mrs. Cheung had an operation recently at the Canossa Hospital but complications set in and she passed away yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was 46 years old and is survived by her husband, two sons and a daughter.

The funeral procession will leave the Canossa Hospital this afternoon at 4 p.m. for the Chinese Christian Cemetery at Pokfulum where she will be buried.

Arctic Birds Visit Montana

BUTTE, Mont.

This city is entertaining its regular annual guests from above the Arctic Circle. They are birds, a little larger than the sparrow, known as Bohemian waxwings. They come down from the north each year for about a month and then return to their nesting grounds.

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Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Commissioner of Police, state:

Chinese Company

Death.—The commissioner and Deputy Superintendent of Police Reserve regret to announce the death of Constable R64 Yan Ping-yun on April 10, 1939.

Training Course-Part II.—The under-mentioned members of the Chinese Company will attend Chinese Company Head-quarters for Part I, of Training Course on Tuesday, April 18 at 5.30 p.m.—Constables R9 Wong Tuy-on, R31 Dan Ka-ying, R188 Chan Yiu-hung, R27 Wong King-luk, R105 Lam Kwok-yiu, R106 Tang Shiu-woon, R112 Chan Ching-nan, R113 Tang Chung-fui, R115 John Simon Au, R116 Ko Kar-hing, R122 Fok Wa-hoi, R123 Ho Tai-wing, R124 Peter Francis Lee, R125 Yuen Shing-luen, R126 Ng Shew-nan, R127 Phillip Tam Pak-hing, R131 Lam Kwok-fee, R152 Law Nan-cho, and R133 Chan Cheong-shing.

Patrol Duty.—Nightly between 8 p.m. and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

Indian Company

Leave.—Mr. Abbas Khan, J.P., Hon. Commissioner of Police Reserve, Indian Company, has been granted three months' leave of absence from the Colony, as from April 10.

Patrol Duty.—Nightly between 8 p.m. and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

Flying Squad

Patrol Duty.—Nightly between 8 p.m. and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

Emergency Unit Reserve

Strength.—Constable R407 L. W. Tipple has been permitted to resign from the Eergency Unit Reserve, as from April 10, 1939.

Leave.—Constable R416 A. Howard has been granted ten months' leave from the Colony, as from April 10, 1939.

Patrol Duty.—Nightly between 8 p.m., and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

C. Champkin,
D.S.P. (R).

BUS FARE EVASIONS

Company Takes Precautions Against Cheats

The revelation that every inspector of the China Motor Bus Co. has been given a list of the names of all season ticket holders in order to keep a check on those who try to evade payment of fares, was made at the Central Magistracy yesterday when Chan Hung-wai, 20, "boy" employed at the Bank of Communications, was charged with having evaded payment on bus No. 496, in Queen's Road West.

Inspector W. Mair said that about 10 p.m. on Saturday, defendant was riding in the first class of a bus travelling in Queen's Road. Near Tai Ping Theatre, an inspector boarded the vehicle and asked defendant to produce his ticket.

Defendant felt through his pockets and said that he had forgotten to bring his monthly ticket; and gave the name of H. W. Chan to the inspector. On going through the list of ticket holders, the inspector could not find the name. When pressed, defendant produced a dollar to pay his fare.

When taken to the West Point Police station, defendant asked for a chance.

Defendant who was on $25 bail, was fined $5.

HEALTH BULLETIN

Small-Pox and Cholera In India

Three cases of Small-pox, one each of Diphtheria and Chicken-pox, two each of Typhoid and Dysentery, five each of Measles and Meningitis and 47 of Tuberculosis were reported for the 48 hours ended on Sunday.

Foreign Report

The Health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended April 8, shows the following infectious diseases:

Cholera.—Bassein 1 case; Calcutta 719 cases and Smud Prakar, (Siam) 7 cases.

Small-pox.—Jodhpur 8 deaths, Delhi City 36 cases, Bombay 14 cases, Calcutta 186 cases, Madras 39 cases, Rangoon 2 cases, Hanoi 1 case, Hongkong 9 cases and Shanghai 18 cases.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1889.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS FOR KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—The Steamship "BRECONSHIRE," Captain Doncaster, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 19th instant, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 18th April, 1889.

(The successor to the Breconshire of fifty years ago is now under construction at the Taikoo Dockyards.—Ed.).

25 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1914.

When the pigs begin to "fly" will no longer convey quite such a notion of impossibility, for at Hendon recently a pair of them enjoyed a crowded five minutes of more or less glorious life in a Blériot monoplane, under the pilotage of Gustave Hamel, Mrs. Havis Davis was one of hundreds at the aerodrome recently to see famous skymen perform for the benefit of Marcel Desouter, the young Frenchman, who recently broke his leg in pursuit of the science of aviation. She had a couple of small black pet pigs with her, and, carrying one under each arm, she induced Hamel, who has had dogs and cats as his aerial companions before, to give them a thrilling sensation. They squeaked a little, were photographed a great deal, and amidst laughter from the group surrounding the yellow Blériot, off they started, and five minutes later down they came quite safely.

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The last stage of a great telegraphic accomplishment is nearing completion as the cable ship Colonia makes her way from Singapore to Hongkong. The vessel is at present well on the way to these shores, laying the cable as she goes, and it is expected that the last piece of cable will be laid down on Wednesday next. Then Hongkong, will be in direct communication with Europe by submarine cable.

10 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1929.

The State Department has prepared an exhaustive review of the Monroe Doctrine and its applications, with a view to working out a new definition of the famous declaration of American policy with regard to the American continents.

5 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1934.

Germany's explanation of the heavy increases in her provisions for military purposes is that no rearmament is involved, the extra expenditure being for long-needed replacements.

The Note addressed by the German Foreign Minister to the British Ambassador in Berlin in the reply to the enquiry regarding the increases in the German naval, military and air estimates, was presented to the House of Commons by the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, in reply to a question.

The Note states that, in regard to the estimates for the army, 654.6 million Reichsmarks, which represents an increase of 172 millions, the "increased expenditure is necessary for the preparations due to take place in course of the budget year for the conversion of the Reichswehr into a short service army.

The Budget of the Air Ministry cannot be regarded as an armament budget. It consists of a budget for air transport and a budget for air protection. It is estimated that the expenses for air transport will amount to 160 million Reichsmarks against the previous year's 77 millions.

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A farewell parade to Lieut. Col. G. T. Raikes, D.S.O., O.C. the 1st Battn. the South Wales Borderers, who is leaving for England on Saturday to take up an appointment as instructor at the Senior Officers' School at Sheerness, took place on the Murray Parade Ground this morning.

THEFT OF CLOCK

Taikoo Dockyard Employee Fined by Magistrate

A 26-year-old employee of the Taikoo Dockyard, Tin Pak-hung, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday with the theft of a travelling clock, valued at $25, from No. 3 Stanley Terrace, Quarry Bay, the property of Mr. W. C. Bovaird.

Defendant was originally charged with receiving, but the larceny charge was substituted.

Inspector W. A. Russell said defendant was employed as a furniture maker, and apart from his duties inside the yard, he also worked in the quarters of Dockyard employees. During the last fortnight, however, he was given no work to do in the quarters, and therefore had no right there on April 14, when the theft was committed. Defendant was arrested in a pawnshop in Shaukiwan attempting to pawn the clock.

Pleading guilty Tin was fined $10.

ASSAULT ON WIFE

Husband Bound Over For Aggravated Attack

Hearing of the summons for assault brought by So On-ping against her husband, Lau Kwan-yun, described as the Principal of the International Correspondence Fine Arts Academy, was concluded before Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, when defendant was found guilty and bound over in the sum of $50 for one year, and also ordered to pay $30 compensation to his wife.

Mr. A. S. K. Lau represented So, while Mr. M. A. da Silva was present for Lau.

The case has been going on for some time, and attracted considerable publicity, as the complainant is also the headmistress of another school in Kowloon. The assault was said to have taken place outside her school on February 23, when she was struck and kicked by defendant.

Defendant, in evidence yesterday, denied that he assaulted his wife, and said that she had tripped over an iron bar when rushing at him, and had run into his hand when attempting to rush him for the second time.

Allegations of misconduct by complainant and a man named Fung was also made by him.

Mr. Himsworth said that he had come to the conclusion that the story of complainant was the one he must believe, and that therefore he would find defendant guilty of the charge.

Mr. Lau then asked his Worship to define the nature of the assault, and on Mr. Himsworth holding that it was an aggravated assault, made formal application for a separation and a maintenance order against defendant.

Hearing of the application was fixed for May 3, at 2.30 p.m.

KNIFE ATTACK

Victim in Serious State In Hospital

A remand for 72 hours was granted Sub-Inspector C. T. Byron by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when Mak Kit, 40, appeared on a charge of wounding a man named Wong Ngao in Pei Ho Street on Saturday.

Inspector Byron said that Wong was in a serious condition in hospital, it being alleged that Mak had attacked him with a butcher's knife.

CAR PARK THEFTS

Special Watch Kept By Kowloon Police

"This is the first case we have had since we had a special man on watch" said Detective Sergeant C. Pope when prosecuting Lam Kan, 26, unemployed, for the larceny of a radiator cap and brass handle, and two spanners from different cars in Gascoigne Road on Sunday.

Lam pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two months' hard labour when he appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

It was said that Sergeant Fell was keeping a special observation on the car park opposite the Alhambra Theatre and he saw defendant going from car to car and looking inside. When arrested and taken to the station the articles were found on him.

The radiator cap was stolen from car No. 2857, the property of Miss Brown of Nullah Road, and the tools from car No. 1113, the property of Mr. Lee, of Austin Road.

OBSTRUCTION BY CAR

It was gratifying to note that Sir W. Phene Neal had a few wise words to say on the subject of obstruction, says the March issue of *The Morris Owner*.

A motorist had been brought before him on a charge of obstruction although his car had been left in a cul-de-sac. The magistrate asked the obvious question, omitted in ninety-nine cases out of hundred, "What was the obstruction?" Because the constable could not furnish a satisfactory proof of obstruction he dismissed the summons.

KOWLOON CITY LAND

Residential Lot Sold By Public Auction

The sale of one lot of Crown Land at Sau Chuk Yuen Road, Kowloon City, yesterday afternoon produced spirited bidding from five people in an attendance of about 20 persons. The lot comprising an area of 8,340 square feet was purchased by Mr. Chan Ying-kit, merchant, of 347 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, at a cost of $8,470. The upset price was $4,175.

A condition of the lease is that the property shall be used for the construction of a residential building, which must be of European type and with accommodation for only one family.

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12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Stuart Robertson (Baritone) and the London Palladium Orchestra.

Merchant Of Venice Suite (Rosse) .....London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood; Little Brown Jug; The Three Crows (Eastburn) and The Mermaid; Polly Wolly Doodle (arr. W. M.)....Stuart Robertson (Baritone) with Piano and Chorus; Palladium Memories,—Intro: The Fleet's in Port Again; Hometown; O-Kay for Sound; Along the river with you; Life begins at Oxford Circus; There's a new world; Free Waltz of the Gipsies; Round about Regent Street....London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood.

1.00 Time and Weather.

1.03 Turner Layton (Vocal) at the Piano.

My Piano And Me,—Intro: One Alone; To a Wild Rose; One Fine Day; Lost (Ohman, Mercer and Testor); Sweetheart Let's Grow Old Together (Bratton and Edwards).

1.15 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.

1.30 Dance Music.

Slow Fox-Trot—Honey Coloured Moon (film 'Music hath charms); Fox-Trot—Music Hath Charms (from the film)....New Mayfair Dance Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Fox-Trot—I'd Rather Listen To Your Eyes (film 'Shipmates Forever')....Jacques Renard and His Orchestra.

1.40 Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: Mr. George Buchanan. Subject: 'Steam Rollers'.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Outside of Paradise; (b) Shinanigans; (c) Heart and Soul; (d) Jeepers Creepers.

6.14 Record: So Many Memories (Woods) and Outside An Old Stage (McConnell and Sandford) ....The Hawaiian Islanders with Vocal Chorus; Dance Orchestra—Love Is Where You Find It (film 'Garden of the Moon') and Garden of the Moon (from the film).....Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra.

6.00 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Violin Solos by Yehudi Menuhin.

Sicilienne Et Rigaudon (Francoeur-Kreisler) and Guitarre (Moszkowski-Sarasate)....with Piano accomp. by Arthur Balsam; Romance In A Major, Op. 94, No. 2 (Schumann, arr. Kreisler)....with Piano accomp. by Ferguson.

8.14 Schumann—Concerto In D Minor.

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and The Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York conducted by John Barbirolli.

8.44 A Song by Amelita Galli-Curci (Soprano).

Chanson Indoue ('Sadko'—Rimsky-Korsakov).

8.49 Rimsky-Korsakov—Le Coq D'Or Suite.

London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

9.15 London Relay—The News.

9.30 London Relay—'Food for Thought'.

Short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.45 London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 Songs by Elsie Suddaby (Soprano).

The Mocking Fairy (Besly); The Almond Tree (Schumann); The Rosebud; Hark! Hark! The Lark (Schubert)....with Piano accompaniment.

10.00 London Relay—'The City of London'—8:

'The Corporation' by A. H. Thomas, Deputy Keeper of the Records, Guildhall.

10.15 Two Schubert Songs.

Hedge Rose, Op. 3, No. 3 and The Erl King, Op. 1....Alexander Kipnis (Bass) with Gerald Moore at the Piano.

10.21 Beethoven—Symphony No. 7 In A Major, Op. 92.

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

11.00 Close Down.

Beethoven Symphony No. 7 In A Major. Op. 92

ROTARY TIFFEN SPEECH

Door (Pelosi-Pattison) .....Ralph Silvester (Vocal) accomp. by Fred Hartley and His Sextet.

6.21 (a) I could use a Dream; (b) Flat Foot Floogie; (c) After you've gone; (d) Every Tub.

6.35 Records: Dinah (Akst) and Lazy Bones (Mercer and Carmichael) ....8 Piano Ensemble lead by Phillip Finch; Little Lady Make-Believe (Tobias and Simon).....Dorothy Lamour (Vocal) with Herbie Kay and His Orchestra.

6.44 (a) Star Dust; (b) Mama's gone Good-bye; (c) Moon-Glow; (d) Rhythm Mad.

7.00 Close Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Reginald Dixon at the Organ.

Dixon Hits No. 16,—Intro: It looks like rain in Cherry Blossom Lane; The greatest mistake of my life; Wake up and live; You're here, You're there; Ten pretty girls; Love is good for anything that ails you; Dixon Hits No. 21,—Intro: Tears in my heart; In my little red book; Once in a while; The pretty little patchwork quilt; The girl in the Alice Blue Gown; Don't ever change.

7.15 A Programme of Dance Music and Variety.

Dance Orchestra—Summer's End—Slow Fox-Trot; Never Break A Promise—Waltz... Mantovani and His Orchestra; Vocal—Let Me Go Back To The Farm (Sarony and Holmes) and Why Must We Keep On Working? (Sarony and Holmes).....The Two Leslies (Leslie Sarony and Leslie Holmes) with Orchestra; Dance Orchestra—Allah's Holiday (Primi) and Indianola (Onivas)....The Six Swingers directed by George Scott Wood; Vocal and Piano—Two Shadows (film same) and I Won't Tell A Soul (Parker-Charles) ....Leslie Hutchinson; Comedian—Pop! Goes Your Heart (film 'Happiness Ahead') and London On A Rainy Night (Washington and Stept) ..Bobby Howes with Orchestra; Hawaiian Orchestra—Tropic Love (Tomerlin and Long) and Sweet Hawaiian Chimes

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BD-5461	I Must see Annie Tonight—F.T. Goodnight little Skipper—F.T.	Ronnie Munro Orchestra
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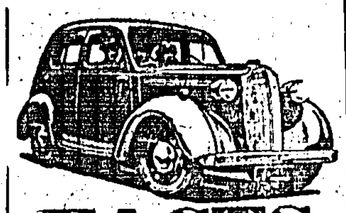

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America and Europe

ANYONE who has read the revelations in the war-time memoirs and letters of the late Colonel House, President Wilson's right-hand man who was instrumental in bringing the United States into the Great War, will see a great similarity in United States policy to-day with that of the period just before America declared war on Germany.

President Roosevelt's peace plea to Germany and Italy are parallel with a similar plea by President Wilson in 1916. Colonel House has revealed in his Memoirs that this appeal was made at the suggestion of the British Government. It needs no intelligence to see in the week-end move to place Hitler and Mussolini in awkward positions a similar genesis; especially when President Roosevelt's appeal is coupled with the sudden ordering of the entire U.S. Fleet to the Pacific, a move that can only be interpreted as a U.S. warning to Japan that it will not only be American interests that will be protected in the Pacific if war should come to Europe.

The United States has a solid Isolationist group which, though placed somewhat at a disadvantage by the knowledge that the Totalitarian threat is not only to Europe, is nevertheless by no means quiescent. Apart from the Isolationists there are the pacifist and neutrality groups, who are in the same position as the Isolationists in the present crisis. Then again there are the Germanophiles and Italophiles—a not inconsiderable group when it is considered that of the 13,360,000 foreign-born residents of the United States, 1,608,814 are Germans, 1,790,429 Italians and 370,914 Austrians.

What none of these groups realise is that, as was frankly admitted in the Memoirs of three of America's ablest men of the Great War period—President Wilson, Colonel House and Mr. Walter Page (the latter, a violent Anglophile, was war-time Ambassador to the Court of St. James'), a threat to Great Britain or France is a threat to the United States. Whatever may be the inclinations of that part of the American people represented by the Isolationists, the pacifists and the Anglophobes, there is not the slightest doubt but that a war between Democracy, as represented by Britain and France, and Totalitarianism, as represented by Germany, Italy or Japan, will force America on to the side of the former as an active partner. It is interesting to know that the decision to assure an Allied victory in the Great War was made by the United States as early as 1915 and, although America did not enter the war until 1917, it is a fact, revealed by both President Wilson and Colonel House, that Great Britain was informed as early as 1916 that America would enter on the Allied side if Britain requested her assistance. The request was never made by Britain; by 1917 public opinion in the United States had become so bitter against the Central Powers that American participation became a foregone conclusion.

To what extent public opinion has been revolted by recent aggression in Europe it is hard to estimate, but we believe that those Americans who have their fingers on its diplomatic and political pulse can see the writing on the wall. Recent events suggest that collaboration between President Roosevelt and the Democracies in Europe is as close to-day as it was between President Wilson and the Allies in the early stages of the Great War. Few Americans would admit that such collaboration existed in 1914-1916; few Americans admit that it exists to-day.

It is probable that secrecy succeeded in prolonging the Great War, since it is hardly possible that Germany would have ignored the early efforts at a termination of hostilities had she known that the United States was irrevocably committed to the Allied cause. Similarly, secrecy to-day may lend the prototypes of the militarists of a quarter of a century ago to acts of daring which may plunge the world into catastrophe, and which might well be averted if they are quite frankly told that aggression will be met with the combined force of all the world's democracies.

The Way People Act in a Crisis

ONE of the most conspicuous things about a crisis, such as the present, is that it turns a people—even so traditionally reserved a people as the English—into a nation of conversationalists.

It was observed in England during the early days of the Great War that strangers were everywhere talking to each other in the railway trains.

Men who, since their boyhood, had looked on every newcomer into their railway compartment as a hated intruder, now entered eagerly into conversation with whoever happened to be sitting opposite to them, even though he had "bore" written all over him.

How long did he think the war would last? Were the Germans walking into a trap? Did he believe it was true that the Russians had been seen on their way through England to Belgium?

Longing for reassurance, the ordinary man felt more certain in his optimism if it was confirmed by a watery-eyed little man with a weak chin whose opinions in time of peace would not have been thought worth listening to.

The little man became an echo—a convincingly megaphoned echo—of one's own hopes. That was very cheering.

Men did not talk more freely than usual, however, merely in order to confirm their hopes and prove the emptiness of their fears. They talked because beneath their surface calm they were more excited than usual.

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HEIGHTENED excitement usually seeks relief in words. Heightened excitement turns a few men and women into poets. It turns the rest of the community into talkers.

You will always notice that the more exciting the occasion the easier it is to get into conversation with strangers. You are much more likely, for example, to find yourself talking to the stranger who is sitting beside you at the boxing match than to find yourself talking to the stranger who is sitting beside you in a bus.

That is because the atmosphere of a boxing match is—as a rule—so much more exciting than the atmosphere of a bus.

The same thing happens on occasions of accident or disaster. I am sure that thousands of Londoners found themselves talking to strangers as they watched the Crystal Palace blazing.

This may be partly explained by the fact that in presence of public disaster men are more conscious of their community than at normal times. They are no longer divided into sects and parties as they witness the havoc wrought by a great gale or the devastation of a flooded city. For the moment, in their awe—and, no doubt, in their curiosity—they are brothers.

It is this sense of community that, at time of crisis, takes men into the streets. At such times they feel more at home in a crowd than at their own firesides.

I am sure even the publichouses are more crowded as the result of the news from Europe. People feel somehow that in the loquacious company of other people it would be easier to make up their minds as to what the Government ought to do, or are going to do.

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MANY people even decided that this was an occasion for going and staring at the outside of Buckingham Palace, or No. 10 Downing Street. This gave them a sense of being at the very capital of the crisis. Here for the moment was the centre of the world.

I have never myself been able to take any satisfaction in staring for a long stretch of time at a familiar building merely because it was sensationally in the news. Thousands of people do so, however.

Possibly most of them go because they know so many other people will be there. There is nothing like a crowd for drawing a crowd.

The fact is, a crisis that is beyond his control makes the ordinary man feel rather helpless and also rather restless; and he can partly get rid both of his sense of helplessness and of his restlessness in the company of other people.

Not, indeed, that even at times of crisis the ordinary man's thoughts are preoccupied with the crisis during all his waking hours.

I imagine there were thousands of Englishmen who forgot for a few moments that there was such a thing as a crisis when they read the headline in their papers: "England's Collapse," the reference being, of course, to cricket. The ordinary man, even during a crisis, has a way of remaining as normal in his interests as the crisis will let him.

I REMEMBER during the first month of the war taking a walk on Hampstead Heath and seeing a very serious-looking young man approaching from the opposite direction with a very serious-looking girl on his arm.

You would have judged from his appearance that the war was the one subject of his thoughts, but what he was saying to the girl as I passed them was: "I tell you what I like—cold bacon."

I doubt whether human beings could get through their crises so well if even in critical times they did not occasionally let their minds wander to thoughts of cold bacon. I am sure Dr. Johnson would have approved of that young man.

If you wish to see how the ordinary man refuses to allow himself to become crisis-ridden, you have only to go on a Saturday to any of the great football grounds in any part of England.

What is to be seen there does not mean that the ordinary man is indifferent to the crisis. It merely means that man—especially the ordinary man—cannot live by crises alone.

—R. L.

"...an occasion for staring at the outside of Buckingham Palace."
—Picture taken during a previous crisis.

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'Dodie, Let's Get Married'

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New York.

THE secret marriage of Miss Dodie Smith, playwright, who wrote "Autumn Crocus," "Service," and "Call it a Day," and her business manager, Mr. Alec Beesley, was revealed by her friends in New York recently.

It is best to tell the story of their romance in the way Miss Smith might write it:—

ACT I.

In a toy store in London attractive Miss Dodie Smith is going about her business as buyer for the store. Enter Alec Beesley, efficient crisp-voiced advertising manager for the store.

They look at each other; they are instantly both interested. They go out together. They become friends.

ACT II.

There is the sound of applause from a theatre audience. It is another successful first night for playwright Miss Dodie Smith, the girl who used to buy toys for a store.

Now she has enough money to buy anything she wants for herself.

"I need a business manager," she says to Alec Beesley. He who used to be her superior become her employee.

ACT III.

In New York, in cold, crisp March. Miss Dodie Smith, with her Rolls Royce, her dog, and her business manager, has come for the production of her latest play, "Dear Octopus."

The play has a short run; it closes. "Let's get married," says Alec Beesley.

They decide not to tell a soul that they are married "somewhere in America."

They leave New York with their dog in the Rolls Royce, and set out on a world-wide honeymoon.

Woman's Cartwheel Hat Holds Up Court

A WOMAN'S black, cartwheel brimmed hat, which hid her face as she gave evidence, was commented on by Mr. Registrar Friend at Clerkenwell County Court, E.C., recently.

The registrar said: "This won't do, you know. I have not only got to hear your evidence, I have also got to see your face and study your demeanour as you give it."

"But your hat keeps all view of your face from me."

The woman, Miss Majories Moseley, manageress of a public house in Liverpool-road, London, N., smiled apologetically.

Then the solicitor examining her suggested:—

"Listen to my questions, but keep your eyes on the registrar."

That solved the problem, and the case went on.

Federated Malay States

MORRIS again heads the list of all vehicle registrations in the Federated Malay States for the month of October, 1938.

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

London

Economist On British Finances

London, Apr. 17.

The economist, Mr. J. M. Keynes, emerging from a silence imposed by prolonged illness, urges in *The Times* a complete readjustment of the British mental outlook concerning the Government's crisis in finance.

He considers that the Chancellor of the Exchequer should assume the cessation of abnormal unemployment during 1939-40 and the gradual increase of the national income by eight per cent. The year's loan expenditure will be at least £220,000,000 above that of last year. Many adjustments are necessary before the net effect can be estimated.

Private investment for the purpose of carrying out Government orders may be an important offset of the increased adverse trade balance. The increase in primary demand may be £220,000,000, meaning an increase in the total demand of twice this amount.

The British Government's loan expenditure will be eight per cent. of national income, or proportionately twice the maximum of public works expenditure in America. Such expenditure will require the services of about 1,000,000 unemployed, which means that the prospects for home industries are better than they have been for years. Apart from the labour problem the balance of foreign trade must be the chief occupation.

Praising Mr. R. S. Hudson's efforts to adapt British export methods to the times, Mr. Keynes believes that the handling of foreign trade cannot be left to individual enterprise unaided. Moreover, he advocates tightening up of the embargo on the export of capital by British nationals, without interfering with *bona fide* trade transactions or transactions on behalf of foreign holders. The whole country's liquid resources must be concentrated to meet the adverse balance of trade to provide for political loans.—*Reuter.*

Mediterranean

Significant British Troop Movements

London, Apr. 17.

The transference of troops from Palestine to Egypt and the despatch of the Welsh Guards to Gibraltar are signs of the close watch which Great Britain, with France, is keeping on the Mediterranean and Spain, says the London *Times*.

Evidence that has grown about the large amount of German equipment that has come to the naval ports on the north-west coast of Spain, in addition to the reports of German aerodromes and other reports of Italian troop movements, are being closely examined.

Particularly, it is being asked when exactly the Italian triumphal march through Madrid is taking place.

The first date suggested was April 20. Then May 2 was suggested; now the date has been put back to May 15.

Clearly, the British Government is bound to consider these changes completely unsatisfactory.—*Reuter.*

Further Arrivals

Gibraltar, Apr. 17.

Three more French destroyers arrived at Gibraltar to-day in addition to the four which arrived yesterday and departed for an unknown destination last night. More French warships are expected to arrive very soon.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

EGYPTIAN ARMY

Cairo, Apr. 17.

Close co-operation of the British and Egyptian army for the defence of Egypt has been agreed upon as a result of the conversations of the general staffs of the two countries which were concluded to-day. The supreme command will be British. In the individual districts each British commander will be assisted by an Egyptian officer, and a British officer will be attached to every Egyptian commander.

The air forces will be organised as a joint force of the two armies and will be stationed chiefly at Alexandria and Marsa Matruch on the Mediterranean coast near the Lybian frontier. The air force will be strengthened by additional British units.

According to Egyptian press reports, the British War Ministry has decided to dispatch three brigades of Indian troops to Egypt immediately, to be followed shortly by a further men.—*Trans-Ocean.*

MOBILISING GREEKS

Alexandria, Apr. 17.

The Greek Consulate has received instructions to prepare to mobilise all Greeks between the ages of 18 and 40 residing in Egypt.

It is believed that between 10,000 and 12,000 Greeks are available. It is understood that in war time the Greeks living in Egypt would be formed into special battalions and drafted to the western desert.—*Reuter Special.*

Requiem Mass For Mr. Lyons

London, Apr. 17.

A Requiem Mass was said at Westminster Cathedral to-day for the late Premier of Australia, Mr. J. A. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Neville Chamberlain were present, while Lord Halifax was represented.

The Australian Government has decided to grant a life annuity of £500 to Mrs. Lyons. A similar annuity will be given to the children until the youngest, who is at present six years old, reaches the age of 21.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Belgium

New Cabinet Formed

Brussels, Apr. 17.

The Cabinet crisis which has lasted six weeks ended to-day when the Catholic Senator, Pierlot, formed a three-party coalition Government.

An earlier attempt to include the Socialists failed but a new effort due to the international situation was made and proved successful.—*Reuter.*

The New Ministers

Brussels, Apr. 17.

The official list of Ministers reads: Premier, Pierlot, Catholic Walloon; Traffic, Marck, Catholic Fleming; Agriculture, D. Aspremont Lynden, Catholic Walloon; Colonies, de Vlaeschauer, Catholic Fleming; Home, Deveze, Liberal Walloon; Public Works, Van der Porten, Liberal Fleming; Foreign, Paul Spank, Socialist Deputy, Brussels; Justice, Soudan, Socialist Fleming; Labour and Social Welfare, Wauters, Socialist Walloon; Health, Eeckelers, Socialist Fleming; Education, Duesberg; Finances, Gutt; Defence, Gutt; Defence, General Denis; Minister without portfolio, Janson, Liberal Deputy, Brussels.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Some Doubts

Brussels, Apr. 17.

Some surprise has been caused by the announcement that the Minister for Justice, M. Soudan, will temporarily take charge of the Foreign Ministry owing to M. Spaak having at the last minute declared that he must postpone his decision regarding acceptance of the post of Foreign Minister until the close of the Socialist Party Congress on Monday evening.

Political circles, however, generally believe that M. Spaak will accept the post.

The new Minister for Relief of Unemployment has not yet been appointed, but it is considered certain that the choice will fall on a Socialist.

Of the new Ministers the most notable appointment is that of the Minister of Agriculture, Count D. Aspremont Lynden, who is the Leader of the Conservative Wing of the Catholic Party.—*Trans-Ocean.*

BANK RATE RAISED

Brussels, Apr. 17.

The bank rate has been raised from 2½ to 4 per cent. This measure is interpreted as a measure aimed at defending the belga against heavy selling pressure arising from unconfirmed rumours that the currency may be shortly devalued.—*Reuter.*

Japan

Diplomatic Reshuffle Announced

Tokyo, Apr. 17.

The Foreign Office to-day announced that Mr. Toshiaki Hotta, former Japanese Ambassador to Italy and concurrently Japanese Minister to Albania, has been relieved of his concurrent post of Minister.

Political circles point out that the step indicates the readiness of the Japanese Government to relieve Mr. Toshio Shiratori, Japanese Ambassador to Italy and concurrently Japanese Minister to Albania, of his concurrent post in recognition of Italy's recent action in Albania.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, is planning to carry out a reshuffle in Japan's diplomatic service abroad. New Ministers will be appointed to Panama, Iraq, Bulgaria and Venezuela, while a full-time Minister will be named to Portugal.

Mr. Kojiro Inouye, Director of the Eurasia Bureau of the Foreign Office, will be appointed Japanese Minister to Hungary, while Mr. Haruhiko Nichi, Counsellor to the Japanese Embassy at Moscow, will be appointed to succeed Mr. Inouye as the Director of the Eurasia Bureau.

Mr. Morito Morishima, Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy in China, will be appointed Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy at Moscow to succeed Mr. Haruhiko Nishi.—*Domei.*

Spelling Bee

HOW *many of these words are correct and what is wrong with others?*

nsumption	transsient
nsortment	transillient
nsterisk	transcision

English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

Roosevelt And European Crisis

HITLER TO GIVE FORMAL REPLY TO PRESIDENT

Reactions to President Roosevelt's personal appeal to Italy and Germany to cease aggression and combine in a world peace movement indicate approval on the part of Europe's Collective Security bloc, but there is silence, punctuated by negative responses, from the two chief countries concerned.

Herr Hitler has announced that he will make a reply in the name of the German people to the Reichstag on Friday week. It is known that he has been in touch with Signor Mussolini and it is claimed that *Il Duce* in collaboration with Marshal Goering has drawn up an answer that will reject President Roosevelt's intervention.

Marshal Goering is on an official visit to Italy where he has been in close talks with Count Ciano and has inspected in detail Italian air transport which was used extensively in the invasion of Albania.

London, Apr. 17.

Even if President Roosevelt's challenging gesture fails to evoke a favourable response from Berlin and Rome, it will still be eminently worth while, is the consensus of opinion of English Press commentators.

Reports of perturbation at Munich are cited as an indication that the flat rejection of the proposals is by no means certain.

Negotiations for fresh adherents to the collective defence system of Europe, which diplomats declare is making speedy headway in several previously unmentioned quarters of the Balkans and Baltic States, should thrive in the new atmosphere created by President Roosevelt it is held.

The *Daily Telegraph* says that whether the appeal meets with a favourable response or not it cannot fail to exercise a palpable influence on the course of events. "If President Roosevelt is not able to do more to save the world from the catastrophe which he sees imminent, he will still have rendered an inestimable service to civilisation by focussing world opinion on the dire realities at the foundation of the peril, states the newspaper.—*Reuter.*

Situation Transformed

London, Apr. 17.

The *News Chronicle* states that by again playing the right role in international affairs, the United States has immediately transformed the situation. "After this message, nothing can be the same again; the outlook must either improve or rapidly deteriorate," states the newspaper.

The *Daily Herald* remarks that the message fills every English family with an admiration and gratitude towards President Roosevelt as intimate as if he were their own national leader. Something begins to exist which did not exist a few months ago; namely a great alliance against aggression. It would be a woeful mistake for the Dictators to under-estimate the strength of the defensive combination that has been raised in their path; for it would crush them. The message means that if the Dictators force a war on the world, the long list of those who would resist them, includes the United States.

The *Manchester Guardian* thinks President Roosevelt is unlikely to suppose that his proposals would be accepted but there is always the chance that the barrier we are constructing might by its general strength, restrain the dictatorships from war."—*Reuter.*

Times Comment

London, Apr. 17.

The supreme question for the German and Italian people is whether they have the power to impress on their rulers a sense of what they themselves desire as passionately as their fellowmen of other countries, says *The Times*.

Step by step the difficult process of a wise British policy, which never excluded the chances of peaceful discussion but determined to be strong enough to secure it, has gone steadily forward recently. It has reached a point to-day at which we may claim, with President Roosevelt, that when we speak for peace it is not through fear or weakness.

The momentous commitments undertaken in Europe in the last few weeks have been accepted with a full sense of all they involve, but without murmur or dissent. It is not unreasonable to think that they have already provided a momentary relaxation of tension which gave Mr. Roosevelt his opportunity.

It is certain that the qualities to which American opinion will always respond are strength and courage, and that the respect due to these qualities is reciprocal. Everyone here will endorse the welcome which the British Government extended so promptly to the President's statesmanlike initiative, the paper concludes.

The *Daily Mail* considers that nothing would defeat the President's purpose more than to act as if the replies are bound to be favourable. The appeal may give the dictators a phase, but it is unlikely to make them abandon power-politics, and nothing but the armed might of the democracies will do that.—*Reuter.*

A Second Appeal

London, Apr. 17.

The diplomatic correspondents of this morning's press take it for granted that the German and Italian replies will be of a negative character, but some quarters apparently are inclined to take a more optimistic view.

American observers here believe that Mr. Roosevelt will, even, in the event of an unfavourable reception of his proposals, take another step in the same direction and launch another urgent appeal suggesting a "truce" of 10 or 25 years.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Diplomatic Calls

London, Apr. 17.

The French and Soviet Ambassadors called at the Foreign Office to-day, while the British Ambassador again saw M. Litvinoff in Moscow. The Soviet Ambassador in Paris will call on the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, to-day.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

CANADA PLEASED

Ottawa, Apr. 17.

Mr. Mackenzie King welcomes the "timely action of President Roosevelt, who offers a peace conference before war instead of after it." In a statement transmitted to Washington he declared that no country could lightly reject the opportunity for saving civilisation by saving itself.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

STERLING STRONG

London, Apr. 17.

Sterling was very strong to-day. At the opening it was 4.68¾, but selling drove it down quickly to 4.68⅛.—*United Press.*

Italian Attitude Changes

Rome, Apr. 17.

"The Fascist reply can only be a vigorous and final 'No'", declares the *Popolo di Roma*, commenting on President Roosevelt's appeal.

The Government inspired statements and articles in the noon newspapers are all very hostile, reflecting the sharp change in political circles, which at first were inclined to be favourable to the President's appeal.

President Roosevelt's message must be considered as an act of war, says the *Messagero* in an editorial, and strongly objects to President Roosevelt's assumption that Italy and Germany are likely aggressors.

The paper says that such an assumption is so insolent that it takes from the document any value it might have had.

The paper declares that the reply of Rome will be "what it ought to be, in full agreement with Berlin."—*Reuter.*

Italians' Scorn

London, Apr. 17.

Britain, France, and Russia, and all the Latin-American States have given their approval to Mr. Roosevelt's appeal. The German Press remains hostile and scornful, while *Popolo d'Roma* declares that Mr. Roosevelt's appeal was made in order to strengthen his chances of retaining the Presidency. It adds: "Mr. Roosevelt, in order to fix the seat of his pants in the Presidentini chair, places in the wrong the leaders of two great nations."—*Reuter Bulletin.*

State Department Busy

Washington, Apr. 17.

As a result of the European crisis the State Department has been placed in what is virtually a 24-hour day.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, spent most of yesterday at his desk, relaying news to the President.—*Reuter Special.*

JAPAN SENTIMENT

Tokyo, Apr. 17.

The Japanese Press states that Mr. Roosevelt's appeal was inspired by Britain and should be ignored by Berlin and Rome, as it did not represent the opinion of the American people.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Cable Warfare

Tokyo, Apr. 17.

"Cable warfare" is the description given to President Roosevelt's message by the *Kokumin*.

The paper says that the world situation is not likely to be affected substantially thereby.

The *Nichi Nichi Shimbun* expresses the fervent hope that the Pacific will remain peaceful for ever, with Japan and the United States prospering mutually, each playing a role in the maintenance of world peace.—*Reuter.*

REICHSTAG TO HEAR ANNOUNCEMENT

Berlin, Apr. 17.

An official announcement declares: "The American President addressed a telegram to Herr Hitler asking his attitude on certain matters, which are so important that the Fuehrer decided to give his reply in the name of the German people in the Reichstag."

The step taken by the Fuehrer was unexpected. After conferring at the week-end with Herr Ribbentrop Herr Hitler began a tour of Austria as Supreme Commander of the German Forces. The purpose of the tour is stated to be inspection of the training of younger recruits in the new Austrian army.

Herr Ribbentrop returned to Berlin from Munich to-day and Herr Goering, who has been in Rome for conversations with the Italian Government, is expected to leave Rome to-night.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Hitler to Reply

Berlin, Apr. 17.

Chancellor Hitler has called a meeting of the Reichstag for April 28 to hear the reply to President Roosevelt.—*Reuter.*

HITLER VISITS AUSTRIA

Munich, Apr. 17.

Herr Hitler accompanied by Herr Otto Dietrich, Reich Press Chief, went to Austria last night by a special train for a tour of inspection of the principal towns.

Political circles declare that the visit has been planned for some time although it was generally thought that the Fuehrer was going to Berlin immediately.—*Reuter.*

Ambassador In Yunnan

Kunming, Apr. 17.

In an interview with pressmen yesterday, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador to China, who arrived here from Shanghai on Saturday, denied that he had any special mission on his present trip to Chungking.

Sir Archibald will proceed to Chungking on Tuesday.—*Central News.*

Shanghai Assassination

Shanghai, Apr. 17.

Chao Kao-tung, 43, circulation manager of the American-owned Chinese evening paper *Tamei Wan Pao*, was shot dead in a Settlement road this evening by three Chinese, who escaped in a motor car.

One woman pedestrian was wounded by one of the bullets.

A political motive is believed to be behind the outrage.—*Reuter.*

CHAO KUNG CRITICISES AMERICA

Shanghai, Apr. 17.

Ignatius Timotheus Trebitsch-Lincoln, Hungarian Jew who became a Pastor in the Church of England, a Member of Parliament, a German spy and finally a Buddhist Monk known as Abbot Chao Kung, has sent an open letter to President Roosevelt as follows:

"You can fool some of the people all the time, and can fool all of the people some of the time, and—in this jazz age—you can fool all of the people all of the time, but you cannot fool destiny.

"You are not a peace maker, but a war monger. Your circular telegram to Hitler and Mussolini, and your speech, moves you and your country from third into second place in the scale of those responsible for the present plight of the human race.

"Retribution—I declare to you—will overtake, in strict justice according to their respective guilt, all those who want to make this world safe for the preservation of illgotten conquests and the gains of centuries of aggression, greed, lust of power and unjust worldwide domination, while denying to other nations the rights and opportunities of peaceful developments and the modicum of prosperity.

"This is not a subject for negotiation. Not at all. Those who made the Versailles treaties must unmake them. Those who robbed, must restitute. Those who have taken away, must return. Those who enthroned lies, must acknowledge them and substitute the truth. Those who prescribe for others, must practise what they preach.

"You and your country have a unique opportunity to preserve peace. You could have done it had you been strictly just and impartial, but you sided with those who caused directly or indirectly all the major wars of the past 300 years. But the time to speak has passed."

Abbot Chao Kung has sent a copy of his letter to the American Consulate at Shanghai.—*United Press.*

China War

JAPANESE LOSSES IN APRIL

Chungking, Apr. 17.

The total Japanese loss in manpower on all fronts during the first half month of April was estimated by the Chinese military headquarters here at 22,199 officers and men killed and 556 others captured.

The material losses of the Japanese expeditionary force in China during the same period include 399 war horses, 557 rifles and mausers 42 machine and sub-machine guns, four field guns, 75 tanks and armoured cars, and upwards of 10,000 rounds of cartridge.

The Japanese losses, it is revealed, were suffered during the 323 engagements which they had with the defence forces during the period.

The Japanese suffered their heaviest loss in man-power on the Kiangsi front. In a total of fifty engagements they lost 8,122 officers and men, 30 horses, 23 rifles, and 22 tanks and armoured cars.—*Central News.*

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Tornado Takes Huge Toll Of Life

Collins, Arkansas, Apr. 17.

At least sixteen have been killed by a tornado whose centre passed near here swooping through an area six miles long and making a clean sweep which left nothing behind for the community. The death roll may be higher.—*Reuter.*

Terrific Toll

Littlerock, Ark., Apr. 17.

Forty-five were killed in a violent tornadic storm sweeping over Texas, North-west Louisiana and Arkansas yesterday.

United Press correspondents in the stricken areas estimate 100 injured and reported severe damage.

The tornado first appeared over South Texas on Saturday night and blew itself out in South Arkansas last night near the Missouri line. The most frightful toll was in South Arkansas and North-west Louisiana.

It struck a church at the centre point of Arkansas, nine miles from Dermott, killing a pastor and 29 of his congregation, shortly after cutting a path through the town of Haynesville in Louisiana, killing eight persons.—*United Press.*

CRUELTY TO FOWLS

Overcrowding in Baskets On Motor Lorry

A fine of $25 was imposed on Tse Ming, 25, a market coolie, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for cruelty to 85 chickens by overcrowding them in two baskets on a lorry in Queen's Road East near the Royal Naval Hospital.

Det.-Sgt. T. Cashman said the baskets were three feet in diameter by one foot nine inches in height. There were 41 chickens in one basket, and 44 in the other.

The defendant was on bail of $20.

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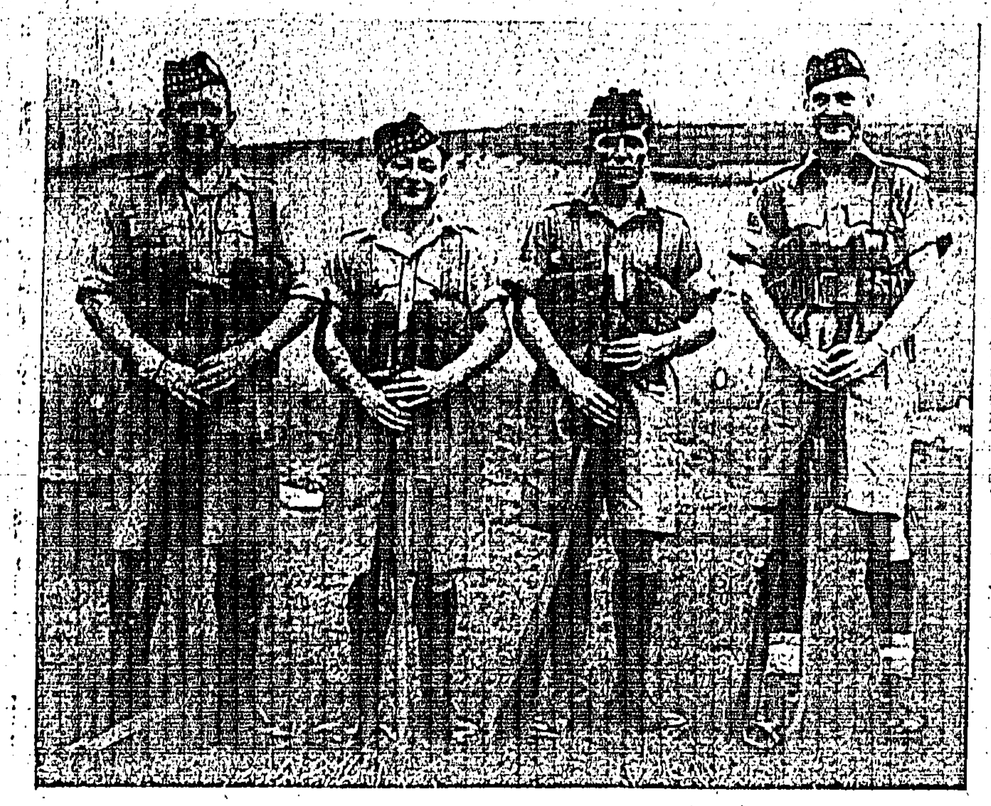

Members of the "D" Company, Royal Scots, team which won the Falling Plate Competition last week in the "Bisley" meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association, held on the Army Ranges at Kowloon City.—*King's Studio.*

GOLF BALL CHANGE NOT DESIRED BY MAJORITY

"WHY MEDDLE WITH IT?"

London, March 22.

It is estimated that 1,000,000 people in this land play golf. That includes those who go out in 54 and then begin to lose their form. But whether they can play, or merely take exercise, all ranks of the golfing army are interested in the R. and A.'s cogitations on the proposed new ball.

The R. and A. have been poking and probing into this subject for years, but with a special committee appointed to consider making the game more difficult by introducing a lighter ball, it really looks as though business is meant this time.

Americans have been using a larger and lighter ball for a long time, but what's good for them might be thoroughly unpleasant for us, writes Geoffrey Simpson.

The more golfers one talks with on this subject, the more one is left thinking that a change in the ball is the most unwanted thing in golf. The usual reply is: "Why the blazes do they want to meddle with the game?"

Yet there seems a determination to make all our golf balls out of date and give us a fresh one that will spoil our temper.

TOO HARD ALREADY

The professionals and front-rank amateurs who beat records, with tournaments, and get their names in the papers can go their own sweet way.

They don't really matter. They are only a minority. For the rest of the hopeful million, golf is already too difficult, and any plan to make the game harder seems to them not only needless but crazy.

Moreover, they think it is bad policy to legislate for a minority, and the fact that a few people can drive a golf ball 300 yards is no reason to compel the rest of the week-enders to use a ball that will not travel so far.

The success of the lighter ball in America proves nothing. Look at the summer they get there, the hard, dry courses, the more favourable golfing climate!

There the ball runs more freely, as some of those fine-weather golfers discover when they pay us a visit and try our courses.

NOT LIKE U.S.

Put an American new to England on one of our seaside courses in a blustering wind and chilly temperature and he says, ruefully, "I've never known anything like this." Even the great Bobby Jones once took 88 at Sandwich. He was wearing three sweaters!

Take an average year, and I doubt whether we get more than three months of first-class golfing weather, when the air is dry and the ball travels well, and the greens are hard and fast.

Even then a club amateur who slams a ball for 250 yards thinks it is an occasion for drinks all round.

As for the present weather, look what the professionals have been doing in the *Daily Mail* tournament lately. There has been nothing wonderful about their scoring and few long drives.

Charles Whitcombe was given an honourable mention last week when at a 270-yards hole he drove to within a yard of the flag in perfect conditions.

What the R. and A.'s committee should do is to tour the clubs to see what the ordinary business man golfer is doing with the present ball. He's the fellow who counts.

I am sure the evidence they would collect would deter them from pressing for a more difficult golf ball. Most golfers think it is time the subject was dropped.

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Calls-Over Announced For Races

London, Apr. 17.

The following is the latest call-over for the City and Suburban Stakes:

9/2 Pigskin (o), 5/1 (t)
13/2 Taran (o)
7/1 Mormond Hill (o), 15/2 (t)
7/1 Halcyon Gift (o)
7/1 Unbreakable (o)
10/1 Agincourt (o)
100/9 Bistoli (o)
100/8 Rodeo (o)
100/8 Esquemeling (o)
100/7 High Rank (o)
100/7 Oven (o)
100/9 Portefeuille (o)
25/1 Croiseun (o)

—*Reuter.*

DERBY CALL-OVER

London, Apr. 17.

The following is the latest call-over for the Derby:

19/2 Fox Cub (o), 10/1 (t)
10/1 Signal Light (o), 100/9 (t)
100/9 Blue Peter (t. and o.)
100/6 Diotti (o)
20/1 Foxbrough (o), 22/1 (t)
40/1 Triguero (o)

—*Reuter.*

BASEBALL SEASON COMMENCES

New York, Apr. 17.

The American Baseball season of 1939 has started.

To-day in the National League Pittsburgh Pirates defeated Cincinnati Reds by seven runs to five. The Pirates tallied 15 safe hits against the Reds' 10, but chalked up two errors in the field against the Reds' one.

The other scheduled match, between the New York Yankees and the Washington Senators in the American League, was postponed owing to rain.—*Reuter.*

HUNDRED YEARS OLD

New York, Apr. 17.

American organised baseball became 100 years old to-day when the 1939 season commenced.

Tight races for the pennants are in prospect in both Leagues, which will probably set an attendance record.

The Yankees are favoured to win the American League, and the Chicago Cubs the National circuit.—*United Press.*

SATISFACTORY ENTRIES FOR THE 1939 TENNIS LEAGUE

TOTAL OF 43 TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE

Satisfactory entries have been received for the Hongkong Tennis League during the 1939 campaign, a total of 43 teams having been sent in by the various clubs in the Colony.

Seven teams have been entered for the "A" Division, nine for the "B", seven for the "C", 13 for the "D" and seven for the Mixed Doubles.

A feature of the entries is the number of teams entered for the "D" Division, which is likely to be congested unless some arrangement is made by the League whereby some of the stronger teams can be persuaded to take part in the "C" section.

It is pleasing to note that the Hongkong University are once again taking part in the "A" Division of the League. The undergraduates have been undergoing a lean period in sport, but indications now are not lacking that they will once more take their rightful place among the leading clubs of the Colony.

TEAM STRENGTHENED

This season they will have the services of Lim Thiam-tet, the Perak champion, who should aid them considerably to hold their own amongst the senior teams.

The Indian R.C., for the first time in many years, are not participating in the "B" Division this season. It is a wise move in view of their weakness last year when they were soundly trounced in most of their engagements. They have, however, put in two teams in the "D" Division instead of one as formerly.

In the Mixed Doubles, seven teams will participate in the League—a very satisfactory state of affairs indeed.

THE ENTRIES

The following are the entries:

"A" DIVISION

Club de Recreio, Chinese Recreation Club, Hongkong Cricket Club, Hongkong University Tennis Union, Indian Recreation Club, Kowloon Cricket Club and South China Athletic Association.

"B" DIVISION

Club de Recreio, Craigengower Cricket Club, Civil Service Cricket Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club, Kowloon Cricket Club (2), Kowloon Indians Tennis Club and South China Athletic Association.

"C" DIVISION

Club de Recreio, Craigengower Cricket Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Indian Recreation Club, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association, Radio and Postal Club and South China Athletic Association.

"D" DIVISION

Club de Recreio, Central British Association, Civil Service Cricket Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Indian Recreation Club (2), Kowloon Cricket Club, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association, Kowloon Indians Tennis Club, Radio and Postal Club, South China Athletic Association, Kowloon Docks Recreation Club and Young Men's Christain Association.

MIXED DOUBLES

Club de Recreio, Chinese Recreation Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club, Kowloon Cricket Club (2), Ladies Recreation Club and United Services Recreation Club.

John Henry Lewis For London

London, Apr. 17.

It is announced in London that John Henry Lewis is sailing from New York on Thursday to defend the world light - heavyweight boxing championship against the British champion, Len Harvey.

The fight will take place in London sometime in May.—*Reuter.*

Is Roper Likely To Last Distance?

Los Angeles, Apr. 17.

Joe Louis, the heavyweight boxing champion of the world, will meet Jack Roper in a title fight over ten rounds to-night.

If the fight lasts the full ten rounds, it will be interpreted as an indication that Louis is slipping.—*United Press.*

Cycling

Keates Wins 50 Miles' Trial Race

Returning a time only 44 seconds slower than his two-year-old Colony record over the Kowloon Circuit course, H. A. G. Keates showed brilliant form to win the Hongkong Cycling Club's Blue Ribbon event, a 50 miles invitation handicap trial, by 9 mins. 32 secs. from M. L. O'Doherty.

Only three braved the inclement weather, which, in fact, was far from unfavourable as the heavy rain—which ceased altogether halfway—reduced the effects of the adverse wind. M. L. O'Doherty, was the first rider despatched by Mr. R. H. M'Dowell, time-keeper, and this rider set a fast pace from the cutset. Jogindar Singh started more sedately, and was actually caught by Keates, who started two minutes after him, in the first mile of the ascent on Taipo road.

Keates reached Fanling (17¼ miles) in 49½ minutes, but did not overtake O'Doherty, who had started seven minutes earlier, until four miles beyond this point. Here O'Doherty was in an extremely favourable position as to win the premier handicap award Keates required to finish more than 22 mins. before him.

The Unlong Market check (27½ miles) indicated Keates to be leading on the road by 5.37 minutes in 1.21.35., thus being 55 seconds faster than the 20 m.p.h. mark. At the halfway point he had returned 1.15.5, and was travelling at a fine pace into a light oblique breeze. Singh clocked 1.40.0. at Unlong, and was riding his fully-equipped ordinary machine in great style. He was then 8.48 minutes behind O'Doherty on the road.

Maintaining 20 m.p.h. until after passing the 35 miles point in 1.44.55, Keates slackened his pace over the final 15 miles, which he covered in 54.4. (16.6 m.p.h.), this including the worst of the wind and hills. His effort gave him an actual time of 2.38.59., only 44 seconds slower than the stiffest of the Colony's record figures. Singh surprisingly overtook O'Doherty at 34 miles, which they reached in 2.3.0. and 2.8.0. respectively, and continued together as far as Sham Tseng (40¾), when D'Doherty got away on "Brewery Hill" to lead at the Tingkau check (41⅞) by four minutes on the road in 2.40.0. Singh's actual time, however, at this point was still one minute faster than O'Doherty's. The latter maintained his finishing effort and reached the time-keeper after 3 hrs. 17 mins. 21 secs. had elapsed, whilst Singh clocked an actual time of 3 hrs. 19 mins. 45 secs. Singh covered the last 16 miles at 12.5 m.p.h. and O'Doherty at 13.8 m.p.h.

Checking, marshalling and refreshment arrangements were capably carried out by Messrs. P. Stanley, Mok Hing-woon and Kam Yiu-wah.

The Results

The full result was as follows:

	Actual Time	Average M'ph.	H'cap Time Speed	H'cap Allowance	Time h.m.s.
H. A. G. Keates (No. 13)	2.38.59.	19.86	Owe	15.00.	2.53.59.
M. L. O'Doherty (No. 6)	3.17.21.	15.20		14.00.	3.03.21.
Jogindar Singh (No. 11)	3.19.45.	15.01		10.00.	3.09.45.

Non-starters were as follows.—G. Cottrell (Scr.), R. H. M'Dowell (Scr.), Chan Kwoon-lam (4 mins.), Chow Kai-kong (6 mins.), Ng Chung (8 mins.), Choy Wai-lam (10 mins.), Mui Pak-chuen (11 mins.), Leung Shui-kwong (13 mins.), Chan Yeung-pang (16 mins.) and To Yin-chung (19 mins.).

On Sunday next, the Club has arranged to join forces with the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and will meet at the latter's Kowloon Headquarters at 9 a.m., the venue being Taipo. The usual runs will be be carried out on Wednesday and Saturday next the rendezvous in each case being the Methodist Church Hennessy Road, Wanchai, at 6 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. respectively.

Rugger League Ties At Home

London, Apr. 17.

The following were the results of matches played in the Rugby League to-day:

Bramley	3	Featherstone	11
Hull Kingston	19	Keighley	3
Warrington	30	Leigh	0

—*Reuter.*

Home Football

WEDNESDAY HELD TO A DRAW

London, Apr. 17.

Sheffield Wednesday's bid to regain First Division status in the English Football League received another partial setback to-day when, following their drawn match against Notts Forest on Saturday, they were held to another draw by Fulham. This time Wednesday played away.

At the moment, Wednesday are a point ahead of Luton and are in second position to Blackburn Rovers, but they have played one match more than Luton.

The following are the results of matches played in the League to-day:

SECOND DIVISION

Fulham	2	Wednesday	2

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Bristol R.	1	Crystal Pal.	2
Cardiff	4	Notts County	1
Clapton O.	3	Torquay	1

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Hull	2	Southport	1
Oldham	3	Stockport	1

—*Reuter.*

CLEVER DISPLAY GIVEN BY SPIDER KELLY

By Fred Darinell

London, Mar. 21.

"Spider" Kelly, British feather-weight champion, made his first London appearance at the N.S.C. tournament, Earl's Court, last night, when he outpointed Billy Charlton (Gateshead) over eight rounds.

Kelly, who won the British and Empire Feather-weight Championships by beating Benny Caplan, treated the crowd to some fast fighting, in which he outpointed the north-countryman with his swift footwork and clever two-handed punching.

Charlton usually forces the fight against his opponent, but he found much difficulty in catching the elusive Kelly.

It was fine, clean boxing and the crowd applauded now and then some spirited rallies.

KELLY'S SPEED

Charlton never gave up trying, although Kelly usually beat him to the punch with a left that flashed in and out like a rapier.

Speed was the chief characteristic of Kelly's display and with Charlton always doing something it was a most attractive contest of skill.

The seventh round caused the crowd to break into prolonged applause when both men waded in with some free hitting. Charlton got home one or two rights and Kelly kept closer than usual and rattled away with both hands.

The verdict in Kelly's favour was loudly cheered and never in doubt. His ringcraft was superb, but Charlton deserves great credit for making such a good fight of it.

In a very breezy bout Frank Parkes, the Midland feather-weight champion, outpointed Joe Connolly (Glasgow).

Parkes gave another of his tear-away, hustling displays against a nice compact little boxer with an attractive style. Connolly, one-time amateur champion of Scotland, naturally resorted a good deal to the straight left and he made Parkes miss quite frequently.

A CLEAR WINNER

With all his non-stop methods Parkes occasionally got in a very accurate straight left himself.

Parkes was a clear winner of a very good contest, and before the referee could signify his verdict in the usual way Parkes lifted his hand in the air to show his confidence that he had won.

Frank Hough (Battersea) outpointed Joe Quigley, the Irish cruiser-weight, who gained a decision over him recently.

Quigley is rather on the slow side, but bigger and stronger than Hough, who made good play in the early stages on the Irishman's stomach.

The referee cautioned the men for holding in the second round, Quigley replying resentfully, "It wasn't me."

The crowd could not complain of their entertainment. Hough forced his man to the ropes in the second round and handed out punishment to head and body, but Quigley caught him with a thumping right on the jaw and later in a wild flurry of hitting Quigley's eye was cut.

A LIVELY CONTEST

Johnny Ward, the lively Irish light-weight, drew with Tommy

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Tennis

Interesting Quarter-Final Match To-day

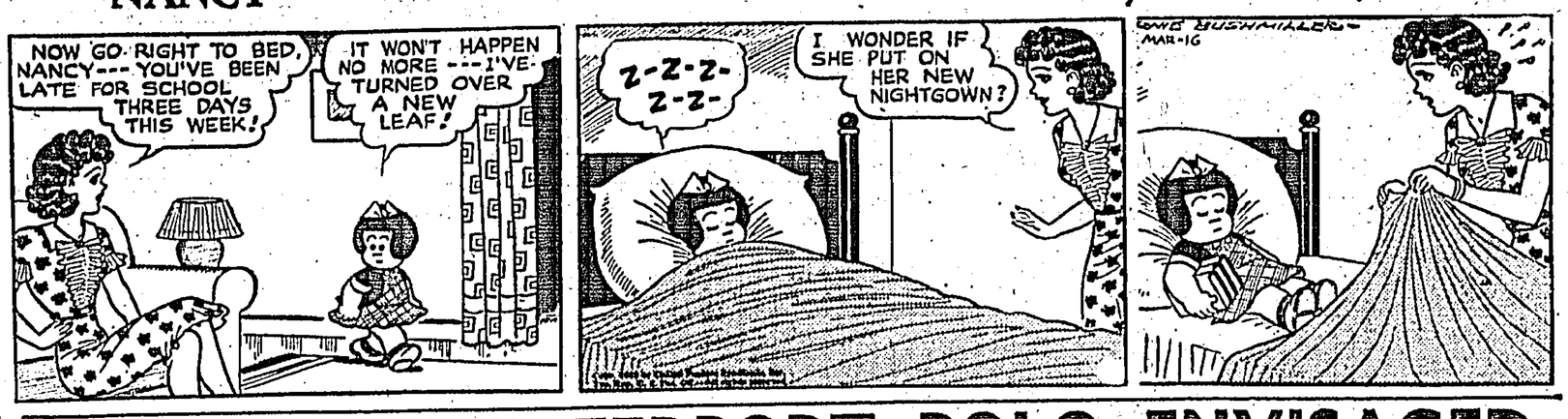
One of the best matches in the tournament is down for decision to-day when S. A. Rumjahn meets Lim Thiam-tet in the quarter-finals of the Colony Tennis singles championship on the stand court at the Hongkong C.C.

The Perak champion has already disposed of some useful local exponents, amongst them E. C. Fincher, and may be expected to give another good display to-day. Unfortunately for him, however, he was indisposed last week, and may have not recovered fully to give of his best to-day. He will need to be on top of his form if he is to beat Sirdar, who is one of the most tenacious players in the Colony and who never considers himself beaten until the last point has been lost.

WATCHING THE SCORES.—His Excellency the G.O.C. Major General A. E. Grasett (with back to camera), Major G. P. Murray (Hon. Secretary of the H.K. Rifle Association) and Brigadier J.T.W. Reeve (right), studying the scores on the Army Range during the "Bisley" meeting of the Association.—*King's Studio.*

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



REVIVAL OF INTERPORT POLO ENVISAGED

Singapore Army Team To Visit Manila For A Series Of Matches

Manila, Apr. 11.

A revival of Far Eastern interport polo competitions will be witnessed this month as plans of the Manila Polo Club will find crystallization in the acceptance by the Royal Artillery polo team from Changi, Singapore, of the Club's invitation to play a series of games here. The British polo squad is scheduled to arrive in Manila April 21 and will play a series of three matches at Forbes Field starting April 23.

It has long been the desire of the Manila Polo Club to foster a series of games between the Club teams and those representing other clubs in the Orient. It will be recalled that 15 or 20 years ago interport matches were held between the Manila Polo Club quartets and teams from Hongkong. The Royal Artillery four will be the first team ever sent to Manila from Singapore and may be the beginning of an enlarged interport competition.

The Singapore squad is composed of Major Phillips, Capt. Nicoll, Capt. Mitchell and Major Paterson, all 2-goal handicap players. They will be guests of the Manila Polo Club during their visit here.

The visitors will open their series here on Sunday April 23 against the Headquarters Philippine Department quartet. On April 26 they will tackle Jack Zobel's Calatagans and then they will conclude their series against the Manila Polo Club Yellows on April 30.

IN FINE FETTLE

The local teams have just concluded a series of tournament matches and are in fine fettle to take on the visitors. Between now and the coming series they will hold a series of warming-up matches at Forbes Field, which will be the scene of the interport series.

The revival of the interport polo matches will increase the popularity of the game which has gained tremendously in popularity in the past five or six years. Every season polo stars from abroad have come to Manila to participate in matches with local teams. The Los Tamaraos Club has been responsible for bringing a high goal team from Australia and one from California. The California team is still here.

The Army has also played a big role in providing competition in polo here. During the incumbency of General Frank Parker, former commanding general of the Philippine Department, some of the Army's outstanding polo players were brought here and competed in local tournaments.

The visit of the Singapore quartet may be the beginning of an annual Far Eastern polo championship in which Manila, Hongkong, Shanghai, Singapore, Australia and, possibly, India may vie for honours.

INDOOR BOWLING

Second Stage Of Third Round Of Ewo League

In a third round, second stage, Ewo League match played at the Hongkong Bowling Alleys yesterday, "Hongkong Wonders" beat the "Optimists" by 213 points. Scores:

"Hongkong Wonders"				
M. Talan	162	100	154	476
L. Gaddi	163	131	172	466
J. Landolt	146	147	147	442
A. Goldau	130	109	188	427
Total				1,811
"Optimists"				
S. A. Ismail	153	150	124	429
R. W. Manby	126	123	162	411
G. Chow	144	133	121	398
L. D. Skinner	105	131	124	360
Total				1,598

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on **SATURDAY, 22nd April, 1939,** commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. **Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.**

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at **12 NOON.**

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1939.

UNDER BID and Kilstar leading the Grand National field after clearing the water jump.

Rain Fails To Dampen Competitors' Spirits At "Bisley" Meeting

Continuous rain inconvenienced but in no way dampened the spirits of competitors who attended the fifth day of the Hongkong Rifle Association's 1939 Bisley Meeting held at the Kowloon City Rifle ranges yesterday.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote did not visit the ranges in the afternoon as he had intended.

Bad weather in the past few days has prevented many of the events being competed, and as a result the prize distribution which was to have taken place yesterday has been postponed to May 14.

In spite of the rain competitors were on the ranges by 9 a.m. yesterday to watch and participate in the first event. There was good light but wind, described by the majority of the shooters as "tricky," slightly hampered the accuracy of some of the competitors.

The dismal weather did nothing to prevent keen and close competition and the standard of shooting was very good.

All the competitions which have been held over will be fired off on May 14.

Following are the results of Sunday's and yesterday's meetings:

The First Stage Aggregate'.—1, Cadet Carey (H.K.N.V.F.), 2/Lt. Dawson (1/Middlesex), and P.O. Swan (R.N.), all 98, (to be shot off); 4, Sgt. Heap (R.N.R.S.) 97; 5, S/Lt. Morahan (H.K.N.V.F.) 96; 6, Austin (D.R.C.) 96; 7, E.R.A. Templeton (R.N.) 96; 8, L/C. Langford (1/Middlesex) 95; 9, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) 95; 10, Lt. Otmy (R.E.) 94; 11, P.O. Clarke (R.N.) 94; 12, Sgt. Gowans (H.K.P.) 94.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Sub-Inspector Chan (H.K.P.R.) 94; L/Sgt. Nunn (R.E.) 94; Boutlon (D.R.C.) 94; Lt. Le Selleur (R.E.) 93; Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.) 93.

(a) Clay-Bird Daily Competition, (Open Singles).—1, Lt. R. Ashly (H.K.N.V.F.) 30 Birds Single Rise; 2, Capt. Hyde (Manchester Regiment) 30 Birds Single Rise.

(b) Handicap Singles.—1, Lt. Bateman (H.K.N.V.F.); 2, Capt. Newton (Middlesex).

(c) Doubles.—1, Lieut. Ashly (H.K.N.V.F.); 2, Capt. R. Hyde (Manchester Regiment).

Bagshot Competitions, Class X (S.R.a)—1, Gilman (D.R.C.); 2, Sgt. Steer (R.S.), (after shoot off); 3, Cpl. Meghan Singh, (H.K.P.) 26.

Consolation Prizes (3).—Pte. Harman (H.K.V.D.C.) 28; Col. Morris (R.S.) 28, Pte. Scott (R.S.) 27; Cpl. Naran Singh (H.K.P.) 27.

Bagshot Competition, Class X (S.R.b).—1, 2/Lt. Dawson (1/Middlesex) 17; 2, P.O. Clarke (R.N.) 16; 3, Cadet Carey (N.V.F.) 10; 4, Austin (D.R.C.) 32; 5, Lt. Le Selleur (R.S.) 32; 6 S/Lt. Morahan (N.V.F.) and Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.) 32.

Consolation Sweepstake.—Sgt. Chau (H.K.P.), C.S.M. Maslem (R.E.), Sgt. Rushman (N.R.S.), Sgt. Bateman (N.V.F.), Sgt. Cooper (1/Middlesex), Sgt. Perkins (H.K.P.), all 31.

Bagshot Competition

Bagshot Competition, Class M, (S.R.a).—1, Sgt. Green; 2, E.R.A. Shoreland (R.N.), (after shoot off); 3, Lieut. Rowe (R.N.) 29; 4, L/Cpl. Evers (R.A.O.C.) 28; 5, Pte. Rymer (1/Middlesex) 27; 6, Lieut. Russell (R.E.) 26; 7, A.C.I. Gash (R.A.F.) 26.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—L/C. Hitchcock (R.S.), Cpl. Brown (R.S.) and A.B. Lawson (R.N.) all 25; Bdm. Sharrock (R.S.) and C.S.M. Stanford (R.S.) both 24.

Bagshot Competition, Class M. (S.R.b).—1, Lt. Otway (R.E.) 33; 2, Sgt. Gownas (H.K.P.) 32; 3, L/Sea Martingale (R.N.) 32.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Major Syme (2/R. Scots), Sgt/Instr. Ritchie (H.K.P.), and P.S.M. Milne (2/R. Scots) all 31.

Sibeira Competition

The Sibeira Competition, Class M. (S. R. a).—1, Lt. Russell, (R.E.) 42; 2, Lt. Rowe (R.N.) 40; 3, Sgt. Green (2/R.S.) 40; 4, Sgt. Sargent (H.K.P.) 40; 5, Spr. Allo (R.E.) 37; 6, E.R.A. O'Shea (R.N.) 37; 7, Cpl. Freemand (2/R.S.) 36.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—L/Sto. Smith (R.N.), and Bdms Shanock (2/R.S.), both 35; E.R.A. Shorland (R.N.) 34; L/C Hitchcock (2/R.S.) 33; Spr. Rumery (R.E.) 33.

Sibeira Competition, Class X (S.R. a).—1, Capt. Carless (R.N.S.) and Spr. Albone (R.E.), both 40 (to be shot off); 3, F/Sgt. Tollison (R.A.F.) 39.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Bdms. Geary (1/Middlesex), Pte. Scott (2/R.S.) and Sgt. Pan (H.K.P.R.), all 38.

The Sibeira Competition, Class M. (S.R. b).—1, Lt. Otway (R.E.) 46; 2, Major Syme (2/R.S.) 45; 3, E.R.A. Classey (R.N.) 45.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—P/Sgt. Wong (H.K.P.R.) 44; P/Sgt. Hoo (H.K.P.R.) 43.

The Sibeira Competition, Class X (S.R. b).—1, E. R. A. Keiller (R.N.) 2, P.O. Swan (N.R.S.) 45, 3, E.R.A. Stephens (N.R.S.) 45; 4, C.P.O. Davey (R.N.) 45; C/Sgt. Hale (1/Middlesex), 45; 6, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) 44; 7, Sub/Lt. Bateman (H.K.N.V.F.) 44.

Consolation Sweepstakes. — Sgt. Pennell (H.K.P.) P/Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.), Sgt. Chan (H.K.P.R.), and L/C. Henderson (2/R.S.), all 44; Lt. Holmes (H.K.V.D.C.) and Sgt. Chan (H.K.P.R.) bdth 43.

"H.E. The Governor's Cup" (S.R. a. b. Final 20).—1, P.O. Swan (N.R.S.) 234; 2, E.R.A. Keiller (R.N.) 232; 3, P/Sgt. Thong (H.K. P.R.) 232; 4, Lt. Otway (R.E.) 231; 5, Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.) 229; 6, E.R.A. Templeton (R.N.) 228; 7, Austin (D.R.C.) 227; 8, 2/Lt. Dawson (1/Middlesex) 227; 9, Lt. Le Selleur (R.E.) 227; 10, Sgt. Heap (N.R.S.) 227; 11, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) 226; 12, Sub-Inspector Chau (H.K.P.R.) 226; 13, Cadet Carey (H.K.N.V.F.) 225; 14, Cpl. Cole (N.R.S.) 225; 15, Sgt. Gowans (H.K.P.) 224; 16, Sgt. Cooper (1/Middlesex) 224; 17, P/Sgt. Chan (H.K.P.R.) 224; 18, C.S.M. Haslem (R.E.) 224; S/Lt. Bateman (H.K.N.V.), C/Sgt. Hale (1/Middlesex), L/C. Langford (1/Middlesex) and E.R.A. Stephens (R.N.), all 223 (to shoot off for the last two places).

Team Revolver Match.—1, Hongkong Police "A" Team, represented by Insp. Hopkins 34, Cpl. Charan Singh 32, Cpl. Mughar Singh 32, Sgt. Perkins 20, Sgt. Gowans 27, and Sub-Inspector Ritchie 21. Total 174; 2, Hongkong Police Reserve, represented by L/Sgt. Hoo 33, P/Sgt. Wong 30, P/Sgt. Chan 28, S/Insp. Chau 20, P/Sgt. Thong 25, Insp. Lole 22. Total: 164.

"The R.E. Officers' Cup".—1, Lt. Russell (R.E.) 254.

Revolver Shooting

The Individual Revolver Competition.—1, L/Sgt. Tansley (Ex H.K.P.R.) 35; 2, P.C. Charan Singh (H.K.P.) 33; 3, Sgt. Rushman (R.M.) 33.

Association Medallists (S.R. a. b.). —1, Cadet Carey (H.K.N.V.F.) 33.

China Fleet Challenge Cup.—1, Naval-Range Staff, Stonecutters, 469.

Allcomers Aggregate.—1, P.O. Swan (N.R.S.) 248; 2, E.A. Gilpin (4 S.M.) 246; 3, Capt. Guscott (1/Middlesex) 246; 4, Sgt. Russell (N.R.S.) 245; 5, P/Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.) 244; 6, Lieut. Le Selleur (R.E.) 244; 7, E.R.A. Keiller (R.N.) 243; 8, Lieut. Otway, (R.E.) 242; 9, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) 242; 10, Austin (D.R.C.) 241; 11, Sgt. Gowans (H.K.P.) 240; 12, Sgt. Heap (N.R.S.) 240.

Second Stage Aggregate.—1, E.R.A. Keiller (4 S.M.) and P/Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.), both 139 (to be shot off); 3, Lieut. Otway (R.E.) 137; 4, Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.) 137; 5, P.O. Swan (N.R.S.) 136; 6, C.P.O. Davey (4 S.M.) 136; 7, S.R.A. Classey (4 S.M.) 136; 8, Capt. Guscott (1/Middlesex) 134; 9, Lt. Le Selleur (R.E.) 134; 10, C/Sgt. Hale (1/Middlesex) 133; 11, P/Sgt. Chan (H.K.P.R.) 132; 12, S/Insp. Chau (H.K.P.R.) 132.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—C.S.M. Maslem (R.E.) 132; E.R.A. Stephens (4 S.M.) Sgt. Pennell (H.K.P.) S/Lt. Bateman (N.V.F.) and Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) all 131.

The Council Cup.—1, P.C. Charan Singh (H.K.P.) 33; 2, Sgt. Pennell (H.K.P.) 32; 3, Surg-/Lt. Mackie (H.K.N.V.F.) 31; 4, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) 31; 5, E.R.A. Gilpin. (R.N.) 31; 6, Sgt. Cooper (1/Middlesex) 31; 7, Sgt. Perkins (H.K.P.) 31.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Major Syme (2/R.S.), C/Sgt. Hale (1/Middlesex) and Sgt. Heap (R.N.S.), all 31; P/Sgt. Wong (H.K.P.) 30; Comdr. Hill (R.A.O.C.) 30; E.R.A. Keiller (R.N.) 29; Insp. Lole (H.K.P.R.) 29; Blake (D.R.C.) 29.

S.R. Championship.—1, C.S.M. Maslem (R.E.) 94; 2, Spr. Colebroke (R.E.) 93; 3, P.O. Swan (N.R.S.) 92; 4, Cpl. Cole (N.R.S.) 90; 5, Maj. White (2/R.S.) 86; 6, Cpl. Morris (2R.S.) 86; 7, L/C. Keiller (1/Middlesex) 83; 8, L/Sgt. Nunn (R.E.) 80; 9, L/Sgt. Jones (R.E.) 80; 10, L/Cpl. Bullen (2 R.S.) 79.

The Platoon Match.—1, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles, 268; 2, "C" Coy, 2nd Royal Scots.

LATE RESULTS

The Grand Aggregate was won by Petty Officer Swan, R.N. Range staff, Stonecutters; the Founder's Prize was won by E. R. A. Gilpin, 4th submarine Flotilla; The Long Range Aggregate was won by Bandmaster Kilford, Middlesex; the Association and Services Rifle Championship was won by C. S. M. Maslem; the S. R. A. Championship Aggregate was won by L/c. Tam, Hongkong Police Reserve; and the Steel Coulson Trophy by the Hongkong Police.

STARTING TIMES

The following are the starting times arranged by the Kowloon Golf Club for the Summer Cup competition, which will be played on Sunday:

9.00 a.m. W. C. Simpson and A. Eastman
9.04 a.m. W. Kershaw and A. E. Davies,
9.08 a.m. T. Lamb and W. Bastin,
9.12 a.m. F. A. Hill and A. A. Lopes,
9.16 a.m. F. C. Barry and G. Milne,
9.20 a.m. W. Ahern and E. D. da Roza,
9.24 a.m. B. Basto and A. T. Godfrey,
9.28 a.m. S. Jex and R. J. Wallace,
9.32 a.m. T. Henderson and M. L. da Roza,
9.36 a.m. E. O. Murphy and A. J. Dennis,
9.40 a.m. R. K. Collings and A. N. Other.

Clever Display By "Spider" Kelly

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Hyams (King's Cross) in eight rounds. This was a terrific struggle between two men who battled away all the time with almost ferocious vigour.

In the third round Hyams fought with great fury, and with four rights in rapid succession he had Ward momentarily on the floor.

Hyams brought over a tremendous right cross in the fifth round and Ward went down for eight, and the bell probably saved him from a knock-out.

Both men were covered with blood, fighting their utmost. It was touch and go either way and the verdict of a draw was the fairest that could be given.

In four-round contests Johnny Lyons (Aldgate) outpointed Jack Crowley (Forest Gate) and Sonny Elvin (Dagenham) outpointed Tommy Morgan (Reading).

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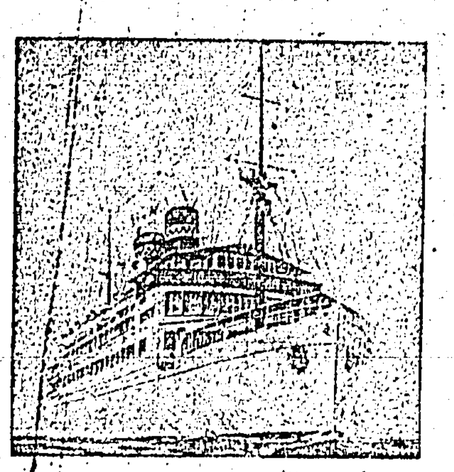

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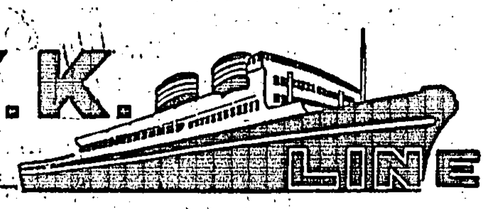

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Some Like Them High, Some Low

The waistline is more provocative in this season's fashions than it has been for many a day, because it varies so greatly. These dinner gowns, with the waistline from the high Empire to the low Mediaeval one just at the hips, shown in the two gowns at left, reveal how transient it really is.

The most popular waistline—the lower version—is shown above. Fuchsia and light blue are the two colours so strikingly used in this long sleeved dinner gown of silk and acetate. The low waistline dips down in a point to give a suggestion of back fullness to the skirt.

Gowns Fitted at Hipbone, Day Skirts Rise to Knee

NEW YORK—You might know that the waistline would not be permitted to stay put. The old struggle between the high and low waistline is on. Some like them high, some like them just where they are now which is where nature decided one's waistline, if any, should be.

The Directoire influence, or trend, is the latest excitement in quarters from which lovely evening dresses stem, but the raised waistline, although new and exciting, is not as general in its acceptance as the normal or the lowered line. Remember that the wide gypsy girdle is the current favourite and that the straight line dress, while good, is second best in any popularity contest.

Two Fabrics Are Best

Waistlines, at a recent fashion show wavered up the scale from their natural anchorage to form corselets accenting the entire midriff. Or they stayed where they belonged, but were cinched in energetically for the sake of the silhouette that diminishes the belt to increase the hipline, in the Gibson girl tradition. Neither is as new as the definitely shoved-down waistline, at present hovering in the vicinity of the hipbone.

Skirts have swirled and flared and billowed endlessly these past few years, but a different note crept in among a group of dresses, sponsored in the main by Schiaparelli, which were so tight and so straight, even in the daytime group, that they kept the mannikins teetering to remain erect. There was no hobble effect, merely an extreme brevity of yardage.

It must also be remembered that the costume which is fashioned of either two fabrics or two colours, sometimes both, leads, and that the waistline forms the great divide. Such being the case, the wise woman has them meet at the level which is kindest to her figure.

Skirts at 17 to 20 Inches

Sleeves remain short and on the full side at the shoulders. Skirts remain short or are shorter, according to the individual. From 17 to 20 inches from the floor, say most authorities, but there are lengths extreme and impossible for the average woman.

Considering the width and brevity of the average skirt and the width of the average shoulder, it stands to reason that waists will appear smaller.

Surprisingly enough, hats are a weeny bit bigger and considering their size are abundantly trimmed. The stove-pipe crown seems to be drawing well, but there are all sorts of funny crowns, as you know. Bonnets are an adventure into which the more daring plunge head first.

Ruling high as an informed favourite in evening fashions at Palm Beach is the blouse and skirt costume. One of the most frequently seen versions of this fashion is a black knife-pleated chiffon skirt teamed with a long-sleeved white chiffon shirtwaist. Generally this shirt top is tailored, perhaps with stitched-down tucks at the shoulder releasing the soft blousy fullness through the bodice. Buttons may be self-covered or pearl. Occasionally some sort of sparkling belt is worn with this, less often a coloured sash.

Our "Coalie-Flower" Is Thriving

AS a horticulturist I have never been in the first rank, but I flatter myself that when it comes to raising a "coalieflower" my efforts are by no means contemptible.

Perhaps it is a little early to speak, of course. Ours is only two days old, and I have only fed it once; but it is already an object of considerable admiration, even by those visitors who say, "How pretty that pink stuff is in that glass bowl; but why do you have two lumps of coal among it?"

Quite possibly, you already know what a "coalie-flower" is; many of the households here seem to be cultivating at least one. Apart from the fact that it is no more a flower than my hat is, and that it bears only a superficial resemblance (as yet) to a cauliflower—an unusually gaudy cauliflower at that—the name is admirable. Had I invented it myself, I should have been more than pleased to hit on such a happy pun. That, however, is by the way. It is not the name that counts; it is the "coalie-flower."

I was only given the recipe recently and having at once rushed out and bought the necessary quantities of red ink, ammonia, and powder blue, I dashed back to the house and selected coal with great care. Normally, when I visit the coal bunker, which is outside the house, I hurry over the business of chucking lumps of coal into a bucket. The worse the weather, the more I hurry, and I never care a hoot about the appearance of the coal, or the size of the pieces, provided it is not obviously mere stone, and is not too big to get on to the fire.

A Connoisseur in the Cellar

On this occasion, however, cold though the weather was, I selected the coal like a connoisseur, visualising how it would look when it had acquired that singularly beautiful growth which I hoped it would acquire.

I spent some time in arranging the lumps of coal, in what seemed to me a decorative manner, in a glass dish originally intended for holding trifles and other confections.

Then, having mixed salt and water with the other ingredients, I poured the mixture over the coal. As I had been told to see that every piece of coal was thoroughly wet I had to disarrange the whole collection before I managed to get every piece soaked. In the end, however, I had built up about as pretty a little heap of wet pieces of coal as you ever saw in a glass trifle dish.

Watching it Grow

Then I put it in front of the fire, and my wife and I sat down on each side of the fireplace and gazed at it. Anyone coming in at that moment—anyone unaware of the "coalie-flower" cult—would at once have concluded that we were overdue for the nearest lunatic asylum, but that's a stage which everyone has to pass.

At the end of an hour and a half during which neither of us had been able to settle down to any other work, my wife suddenly became very excited, and pointed, speechless, at the "coalie-flower." Could it be a pink spot on one of the pieces of coal? Could it? Yes, it was! And that was the beginning of our "coalie-flower."

As I said before, we have only had it for two days. But there is a wonderful growth for those two tell-tale pieces of coal on top, which have not become infected yet.

We live, however, in hopes, for we have been told that patience is required—patience, and a fatherly conscientiousness about giving the "coalie-flower" its simple repast, every second day, of salt and water. To-day, with care, it may live for years. So what with the dog, and the gold-fish, and the "coalie-flower," the house is full of life these days.

The only question is, Will the coal burn when we have got tired of seeing it as a "coalie-flower"?

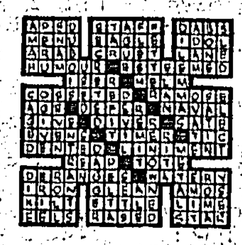
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Combining form: eight
6—Body of assistants
10—Most highly prized part
15—Constituent of steel
16—One who measures by steps
17—African district
18—South winds in Chile
20—Picture of worshiped object among Indian tribes
22—Chicken house
23—Urines into vigorous action
26—Goes up
27—Eat supper
28—Melody
30—Silence!
31—Daring
33—Tellurium
34—Pitch
37—One of magnet's poles
38—Latin toast used by Germans
41—Baking chamber
43—International conflict
44—Having thin, sharp tone
45—Positively not
47—One of planets
49—Prefix: between
52—Suffix used after names of countries
53—Medicinal liquid injections
55—Not intoxicated
57—More mature
59—Employ
61—Cry of warning used in golf
62—Subordinate dish between courses of meat
64—Restrain within fixed limits
66—Solution used in making soap
67—Perform
68—Half an em

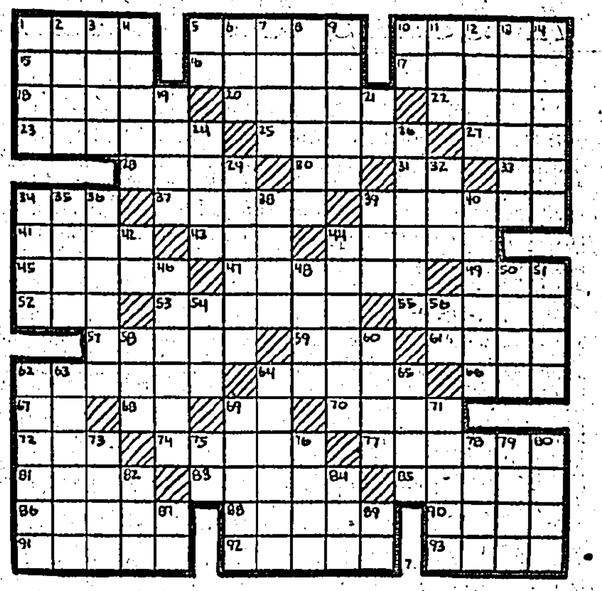
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



69—Dad
70—Hebrew month
72—Former Japanese statesman
74—Labors arduously
77—Looks steadily
81—Rubber wheel rim
83—Taste
85—Steeple
86—Sea
88—Post at end of stair-rail
90—Howling
91—Takes repose
92—Birds of given region
93—Exploit

DOWN

1—Department in France
2—Essential question
3—Solid of revolution
4—Possessing inertia
5—Spain (abbr.)
6—Make lace
7—Acidity of stomach
8—Object of blind affection
9—Of pleasing coolness
10—Metric unit of volume (abbr.)
11—Ornithological bird
12—Man's name
13—Tropical rodent
14—Rag doll
15—Make reprisal from astonishment
21—Myself
24—Collector of tea crystals
26—Warning signals
29—Deleting device
32—Affirmative gesture
34—Sound quality
35—Salutations to Virgin
36—Turn oars as forward, former state
38—Mine vehicle
39—By means of
40—Emblem
42—Noon
44—Communist nation
46—Experience sorrow for sin with desire to amend
48—Stretches tight
50—Affected by fear
51—Woody plant
54—With maiden name of
56—From
58—Wrath
60—Finishes
62—Head of publication
63—Advertisement
64—One who heals with ointment
65—Makes as edging
69—Descendant of harpsichord
71—Ravished
73—Raw metal deposits
75—Bone
76—Planted
78—Get up
79—Bird of prey
80—Origin of plant life
82—Wear into
84—One thousandth of milrein
87—Nova Scotia (abbr.)
89—Left side (abbr.)



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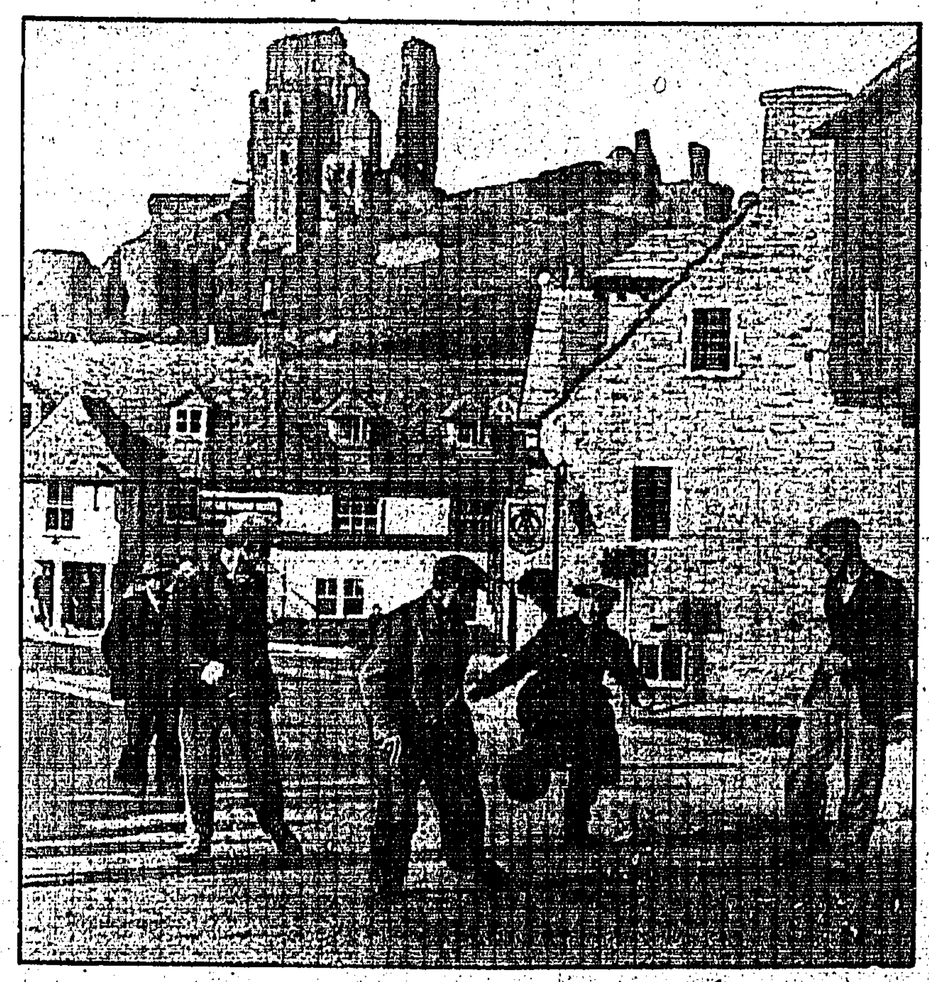

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Prizes will be awarded for the best Chinese historic costumes, best foreign costumes and the most original as well as the most comical costumes.

Other attractions include a *Pas de deux* by the Misses Stella and Helen Ho; several jazz and blue solos by Miss Doreen Ma; a ballet number by little Miss Anita Lee, last seen in "Debutante Goes To Town," and tap-dancing by Mr. Hugh Chen. The last named will also croon a few tantalizing tunes. The choruses comprise such well-known local beauties as the Misses Bella Ma, Florence Lam, Elsie Wong, Elsie Law, Salina Luk, Gloria Yee, Lily Chan, Mary Chan, Pat Ho, Beatrice Law, Priscilla Law and Dora Chow.

3.35 INCHES OF RAIN

Outcome of Falls During Last Three Days

Figures supplied by the Royal Observatory last night showed that since Saturday morning 3.35 inches of rain had fallen in Hongkong. This brings the total rainfall for 1939 up to 9.1 inches, which, though far below Hongkong's present needs, is a little better than the average for the period.

The intermittent rain has meant unpleasant conditions for all, but in the light of Hongkong's urgent need of rain these conditions have been accepted with a good grace. Heavier and more protracted falls are necessary if the Colony's reservoirs are to be properly replenished after last year's exceptionally dry conditions.

The rain was lighter yesterday and towards evening stopped altogether. The overcast sky, however, gave promise of continued wet weather.

ARMED ROBBERY

Money and Jewellery Taken By Three Men

Said to have entered the third floor of No. 22 Second Street, West Point, at 8 p.m. on Sunday under the pretext of searching for opium, three men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, robbed the inmates of the house of $60 Hongkong currency, $80 Chinese currency, and jewellery to the value of $81.

In a report to the police, Leung Mai-chung said she was at home with two other women, and four children when the front door opened and three men entered. The strangers said something about looking for opium and then one of them produced a revolver and held up the inmates while the other two searched for money and valuables.

LATE NEWS

British Officer May Claim The Irish Throne

Because a 33-year-old Irish Jesuit novice is shortly to take his vow of celibacy a young polo-playing officer in the British Army will become rightful claimant to the native Irish throne.

He may one day exercise his ancestral privilege of carrying the old Standard of Ireland at the coronation of English Kings.

The officer is 28-years-old Lieutenant Denis Armar O'Conor, of the Lincolnshire Regiment. His home is at Duxhill-road, Weymouth, and he is prospective heir to Ireland's most coveted native title—O'Conor Don, meaning "lord or chief king."

Present holder of the title is 69-year-old Owen Phelim O'Conor, of Clonalis, Co. Roscommon, on whose estate are preserved the historic old Standard of Ireland and the ancient Harp of Carolan, last of the Irish Bards.

PRIEST'S RENUNCIATION

In succession to the O'Conor Don is his brother, 67-year-old Charles H. O'Conor, President of the Irish Association Knights of Malta, and father of seven daughters and a son.

The son, the Rev. Charles O'Conor, is shortly to take his final vows of celibacy as a priest and so will relinquish all claims to the title which would normally descend to him.

Instead, Lieut. Denis Armar O'Conor becomes the future O'Conor Don. He is a first-class polo player and all-round sportsman. He is the elder son of 61-year-old Charles W. O'Conor, of Ashley Moor, Orleton, Ludlow (Herts).

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The House of Windsor traces its ancestry to them through intermarriage with a son of Edward III.

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ROME, Apr. 17.—The Italian Minister to Tirana, Signor Jacomoni has been appointed Ambassador to Albania, says a report.

It is authoritatively stated that this promotion is intended to be recognition of his meritorious services in his difficult and important post in Tirana. —*Trans-Ocean.*

The R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Shanghai at 11.30 a.m. yesterday and left at 7 a.m. to-day. She is due at Hongkong on Thursday at 9 a.m.

Royal Visit Cancelled

Duke And Duchess And Irish Tour

LONDON, Apr. 17.

THE VISIT of the Duke and Duchess of Kent to Northern Ireland, which was postponed from its original date, has now been put off indefinitely.

A notice issued from the official residence of the Duke of Abercorn states that at the request of the Government of Northern Ireland, the Governor has informed the Duke that it would be preferable if the projected visit of Their Highnesses did not take place this year.

The Duke kindly acquiesced and "expressed the hope that he may be enabled to pay a State visit to Northern Ireland upon his return from Australia."

The Duke and Duchess of Kent leave for Australia during the second week in October.—*Reuter.*

Hitler's Birthday A Holiday

BERLIN, Apr. 17.—Herr Hitler's birthday on Thursday has been declared a national holiday, by order of the Minister of the Interior.

The order applies also to Moravia and Bohemia.

The Nazi leader in Danzig Herr Foerster, is expected to offer Herr Hitler honorary citizenship of Danzig during the celebrations in Berlin of the Fuehrer's 50th birthday.—*Reuter.*

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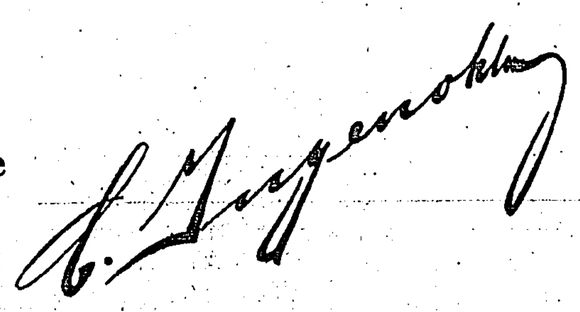
Genuine  Each Box carries this signature . . .

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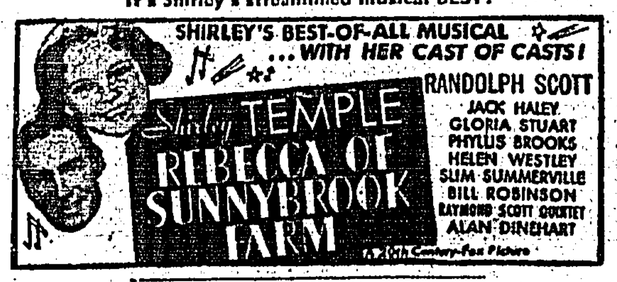

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German Fat Eaters Are "Traitors To Country"

BERLIN, Apr. 17.—Persons eating more fat than is needed for their health and strength must be classed as traitors stealing from their fellow-countrymen, declares the official organ of the German Medical profession to-day.

Exemption is made for occasional festive occasions.—*Reuter.*

FLEET ARRIVES AT GIBRALTAR

French Naval Forces Mass

GIBRALTAR, Apr. 17.

THE LARGEST French fleet for many years arrived here to-day.

Their visit is coincident with the extraordinary military, aerial and naval precautions which are being taken throughout the Mediterranean Sea.

The French fleet included three aircraft carriers, two battleships, three cruisers and ten destroyers.

A Portuguese communique discloses that Italy has given Portugal assurances regarding the presence of Italian troops in Spain.

However, it was not revealed what is behind the assurances.—*United Press.*

BRITISH FLEET AT MALTA

GIBRALTAR, Apr. 17.—While there are now 13 French warships at Gibraltar, it is learned that practically the entire British Mediterranean fleet is in Malta or its vicinity.

Few British ships are at Gibraltar and they are mostly destroyers, which are based locally.—*Reuter.*

French Warships Mass At Gibraltar

Gibraltar, Apr. 17.

Indicative of the steadily increasing tension in the Mediterranean, the concentration of French naval forces at Gibraltar is continuing.

Three cruisers, including the Marseilles, and six destroyers of the French Mediterranean Fleet arrived at Gibraltar to-day, bringing the number of French warships up to 13.

An unconfirmed report says that a Spanish destroyer has entered port at Algeciras opposite Gibraltar.—*Domei.*

Big Manoeuvres In Pacific

SYDNEY, Apr. 17.—Australia's biggest naval manoeuvres since the war began to-day and are continuing until Wednesday.

The New Zealand flagship, Leander, and eight air force squadrons are co-operating with the Australian squadron.

The exercises have been planned as realistically as possible, and include the stopping and questioning of liners.—*Reuter.*

Paris Council To Meet

PARIS, Apr. 17.

An official Council of Ministers has been convoked for to-morrow.

It is reported that the meeting has been called to examine the international situation.—*United Press.*

French Air Precautions

Paris, Apr. 17.

The Prime Minister, M. Daladier, had another long conversation with M. Guy Lachambre, the French Air Minister to-day, the latter reporting on the latest developments of the French air arm, and particularly about the arrangements for co-operation between the French and British air ministries.

Immediately afterwards the Premier had a long talk with the General Secretary of the French Finance Ministry, as well as with the Director of the Budget, concerning measures to be taken in the interests of national defence.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Canadian Oil For Britain

London, Apr. 17.

England is about to secure for her defence forces increased supplies of mineral oil from Canada.

A delegation of Canadian mineral

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Shaded are nine countries which it is suggested may be included in the bloc of Powers opposed to aggression. The Scandinavian countries, Holland, Belgium and Switzerland would remain neutral. As can be seen, the combination against aggressor states would be powerful.

BURGOS ASSURANCE TO FRANCE

GERMAN, ITALIAN TROOPS TO LEAVE

PARIS, Apr. 17.

THE BURGOS GOVERNMENT has officially notified France that 45,000 Italian and German forces will leave Spain immediately after the May 15 parade in Madrid.

It is reported from Seville that General Franco reviewed 75,000 troops in the first of series of victory parades.—*United Press.*

Totalitarians Weakening

Washington, Apr. 17.

In a speech to-day Senator Key Pittman declared: "There has been a weakening of the Totalitarians' ambition to conquer the world.

"They have been obliged to pause, and if this continues a bit longer, the world will be spared from war."—*United Press.*

LONDON, Apr. 17.—Paymaster Captain D. S. Lambert, has been appointed Paymaster Director-General, with the rank of Rear-Admiral, in succession to Sir Arthur Strickland, the appointment to date from July 10, 1939.—*Reuter.*

Aim Of Eire Is Peace

"Only Providence Can Prevent War"

LONDON, Apr. 17.

"THE AIM of the Eire Government's policy is to maintain and preserve neutrality in case of war", declared Mr. Eamon De Valera, speaking at Ennis (Ireland) to-day.

He added: "The desire of the Irish people and the Government, is to keep the nation out of war, and the only way to secure this aim is to put ourselves in the best position to

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SOVIET AND THE EASTERN DEFENSIVE SYSTEM

ANTI-AGGRESSION FRONT EXPANDS

PARIS, Apr. 18.

FRENCH AUTHORITIES state that Britain and France have reached an agreement with Russia regarding the use of the latter's aerial power in the event of further aggression in Europe.—United Press.

RUMANIA WILL ACCEPT AID

PARIS, APR. 17.

WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS STATE THAT RUMANIA HAS AGREED TO SOVIET AID IF NEED ARISES.

Acceptance applies not only to an air pact, but the passage of troops through Rumanian territory.

Commenting on the "most excellent manner" in which negotiations are proceeding with Rumania and Poland in connection with the defensive system in Eastern Europe, authorised quarters point out that these are not yet completed, and it would be premature to make any announcement with regard to them.

TURKEY INCLUDED

A political commentator, writing in the "Intransigeant," says: "It is expected that from April 18, London and Paris will be in a position to announce that the guarantee extended to Poland, Rumania and Greece, includes Turkey.

"The system will be completed by an agreement with the Soviet, which may be made official by the middle of the week."—*Reuter.*

ANGLO-RUSSIAN NEGOTIATIONS

LONDON, Apr. 17.

The Soviet Ambassador visited the British Foreign Office here to-day.

Embassy officials said that he would probably not see Lord Halifax and that his visit was to talk with a lesser British official as it concerns routine questions rather than the major Anglo-Russian negotiations which are now in progress.

When Parliament assembles on Tuesday Mr. Chamberlain will hardly be able to shed much new light on the Anglo-Soviet parleys when he replies to questions as, contrary to the flood of premature press reports, the talks are by no means on the verge of completion.

News, such as that alleging that Russia has already signed agreements with Britain and France to provide an air fleet and munitions in the event of a war, are described officially as being untrue.—*United Press.*

BERLIN, Apr. 17.

WHEN M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister arrives here to-morrow, he will be expected to explain to Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop the exact position about Britain's guarantee.

It is possible that he will be asked to give an assurance that the guarantee will remain one-sided.

It is gathered in Rumanian circles here that M. Gafencu's reply will be that Rumania must welcome any guarantee of her frontiers by anyone. He will also make it clear that Rumania will not consider any frontier revisions at her expense.

The visit was originally arranged in connection with the German-Rumania trade treaty, and this will occupy the bulk of the discussions.

Herr Hitler will receive M. Gafencu on Wednesday morning.

Rumanian circles here say that M. Gafencu is not going to Paris or London.—*Reuter.*

Maisky For Moscow

LONDON, Apr. 17.—It has been announced that the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky, will proceed to Moscow on Tuesday to join in the Anglo-French-Russian negotiations.

This announcement is interpreted as meaning that the negotiations to bring Russia into the peace front have reached a decisive stage and that haste is regarded as essential.—*United Press.*

Activity In London

LONDON, Apr. 17.—The High Commissioner for Eire paid a second visit to Mr. Chamberlain since Friday to-day.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald also call-

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Discrediting Dictators

LONDON, Apr. 17.

When he faces the House of Commons to-morrow, Mr. Chamberlain is expected to give Britain's renewed blessing to President Roosevelt's appeal to the dictators.

The "Yorkshire Post" conveys the dominant opinion here:

"Even though the President's appeal should fail in its primary purpose, it will still be of tremendous value.

"It will discredit Germany and Italy beyond all doubts in the eyes of the world in general and especially in the eyes of the American people, whose willingness to turn their sympathy to practical account must be so potent an influence in coming weeks and months," the paper says.

It is expected that members of Parliament on Tuesday will reveal their impatience for the rapid conclusion of the proposed arrangements with Russia and Turkey.—*United Press.*

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London Newsman Expelled

BERLIN, Apr. 17. — The Berlin correspondent of the London "News-Chronicle" has been asked to leave Germany within 14 days.

The reason given for his expulsion is that he has persistently sent "false and tendentious reports on German conditions."—*Trans-Ocean.*

JAPANESE USE GAS

Attempt To Halt Chinese Offensive

Yuanku, Apr. 17.

LIBERAL USE of poison, particularly asphyxiating and sneezing gas bombs, was again resorted to by Japanese forces in recent encounters with Chinese forces on the Chungtiaoshan sector in south Shansi, military reports reaching here claim.

Despite the use of gas by the enemy, Chinese forces in the past week have recaptured considerable lost ground among the hilly terrain. On April 13, a terrific Chinese artillery barrage on the Japanese at

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REICH "NO" TO PEACE PLEA

Hitler May Make Counter Proposal

BERLIN, Apr. 17.

THE IMPRESSION in political circles is that Herr Hitler will make some sort of counter-proposal to President Roosevelt, when he gives his reply to the President's appeal in the Reichstag on April 28.

Observers here do not anticipate that Hitler is planning to close the whole matter with a categorical "No."

How far Hitler will go in making his counter-proposals it is impossible to say, but it is suggested here that he will probably maintain that Germany can only be asked to guarantee peace if what she considers her legitimate demands were granted.

These would include settlement of the colonies question, and freedom to pursue economic activities in the Balkans, unhindered by encirclement. —*Reuter.*

Out And Out Rejection

Rome, Apr. 17.

It is thought that the replies of the Axis Powers to President Roosevelt's message will both be tantamount to an out and out rejection of the main proposals, namely a 10-year guarantee that no country be attacked, and the idea of participation in a world conference.

It will be stressed that Italy desires nothing more than peace, and the action, both in Ethiopia and Albania was brought about by a state of affairs which threatened world peace.

Regarding a world conference, it is probable that Italy will declare that satisfaction of her claims against

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HITLER ON "THE SPOT"

European Survey Revelations

LONDON, Apr. 17.

A SURVEY of European authorities indicates that President Roosevelt's peace plan has put Hitler and Mussolini "on the spot", but that it has utterly failed to halt the progress towards war.

"I telephoned authorities whose business it is to know every fluctuation of international affairs, in Paris, Berlin, Rome, London and other capitals," cables Mr. Webb Miller, United Press General European News Manager.

"The survey showed, firstly that President Roosevelt's appeal has momentarily taken the diplomatic initiative which the dictators have been holding.

"Secondly, it has greatly strengthened European morale in the anti-aggression front.

Responsibility For War

"Thirdly, it has helped to crystallise world opinion outside the totalitarian bloc towards the view that the responsibility for war rests with Hitler and Mussolini.

"The message is considered by the leaders of the anti-aggression front to mean that the United States will be morally on their side in the event of war. It has also increased the opinion in some quarters that America will probably lend military aid in an emergency, and therefore it tends to solidify the masses in support of measures which European nations are taking under Anglo-French leadership."—*United Press.*

LATEST

POLAND TO RETURN DANZIG?

Berlin, Apr. 18.

Well informed circles here persistently report that Germany and Poland will soon reach an agreement providing for the return of Danzig to the Reich.—*United Press.*

See Back Page For Further Late News

CROATIAN AUTONOMY IN YUGO-SLAVIA SEEN

ZAGREB, Apr. 17.

THE YUGO-SLAV Premier, M. Tsvetkovitch, and the Croatian opposition leader, M. Matchek, announced to-day that they had reached an agreement as to the basis for discussion of the Croatian autonomy problem.

The agreement is to be referred to the parties concerned, after which M. Tsvetkovitch and M. Matchek will hold a further meeting, probably this week.

It is emphasised that once the important territorial questions are settled, a Government could be formed representing the Government Party and the Croats and Serbian opposition Party.—*Reuter.*

Complete Autonomy

Belgrade, Apr. 17.

The pending agreement between the Serbs and Croats will, according to press reports, provide for the administrative union of Sava Banat with the maritime Banat, thus creating a homogenous Croat Banat with 4,500,000 inhabitants, who will enjoy complete autonomy within the framework of the existing Yugo-Slav constitution.

In respect of all questions pertaining to the administration of internal affairs, such as Justice, Economy, and Culture, Banat will be entirely autonomous, while questions affecting the interests of Yugo-Slavia, such as Foreign, Military and Financial affairs, will remain reserved for the Yugo-Slav State.—*Trans-Ocean.*

FLOGGING TO END IN THE NAVY

Request Made By Admiralty

The Admiralty has asked the Government to abolish flogging in the Navy.

This was announced by Sir Terence O'Connor, the Solicitor-General, when a Standing Committee of the House of Commons again considered the Government's Criminal Justice Bill recently.

Sir Terence moved an amendment, which was passed, applying to the Navy the section of the bill proposing to abolish corporal punishment. It was not necessary, he said, to do this in the case of the Army and the Air Force, because flogging did not apply there.

Sir Archibald Southby (Cons., Epsom), a former naval officer asked when the Admiralty's request reached the Home Office and why the Committee was not told of it when they were discussing the clause abolishing flogging.

Sir Terence said the Admiralty expressed their view some time ago, but it did not seem proper to try to influence the decision of the Committee simply because the Board of Admiralty had taken that view.

Sections applying the proposal to abolish penal servitude, hard labour and prison divisions to the Navy were also agreed to.

[Until 1881 the "cat" was an authorised instrument of punishment in the Navy. Corporal punishment is now retained only for mutiny and closely allied offences in peace time, the maximum sentence being 25 lashes.]

"PROTECT SOCIETY"

The problem of the persistent offender was discussed on the clause proposing corrective training for offenders between 21 and 30 and preventive detention for offenders over 30. The bill provides that the sentence in such cases should be not less than two years and not more than four years.

Mr. R. H. Turton (Cons., Thirsk and Malton) moved an amendment to give courts power to impose sentences up to 10 years' preventive detention for certain offences such as rape.

Mr. Rhys Davies (Soc., Westhoughton) objected to the idea that offenders should be "clapped into prison and left there to rot."

Sir Terence O'Connor, resisting the amendment, said he doubted whether the totalitarian regimes had anything quite so formidable as Mr. Turton proposed.

Sir. William Wayland (Cons., Canterbury): The Committee burnt their boats behind them when they abolished corporal punishment, which would be a very effective punishment for the cases which Mr. Turton mentioned. Although I do not like the German code, I would certainly adopt the German way of treating such cases.

"SANCTION AGAINST CRIME"

Mr. Turton appealed to the Government to strengthen the clause before the next stage.

"For the young offender," he said "we should show as much mercy as possible, and do all we can to reform him; but the man who is irreformable, the man whom previously you would have liked to flog—that is the man from whom you must protect society by keeping him in preventive detention."

Sir Terence said the clause was one of the most important in the bill.

"It goes a long way," he added, "to answer a good deal of the argument against the abolition of flogging. We are now leaving the law without any sanction against the hardened criminal. This clause is in effect the sanction which is going to be operated in many of the cases which have defied any treatment previously except that of the lash."

REMANDS FOR INQUIRY

Sir Terence submitted an amendment to redraft the clause giving courts power to make reception orders against persons of unsound mind. Two medical practitioners would now be required not merely to give certificates, but to give evidence in court on the grounds from which they formed their opinion.

The amendment and a clause giving power to order remand for inquiry into a person's mental condition were agreed to.

$12,000 Opium Importation

Charged with being concerned in the importation of over $12,000 worth of chandu into Singapore on March 16, a Chinese, Low Tng, who claimed trial to the offence in the Singapore Criminal District Court recently, had further hearing of the charge postponed

The alleged offence was said to have taken place in Stanley Street. The amount of chandu concerned was 1,524 tahils.

The accused was alleged to have had a consignment of rubber-cloth consigned from Hongkong by the steamer Gustave Diedevichsen, while trading under the name of Chop Soon Hong.

When customs officers, led by Mr. A. H. Capel, examined the rubber cloth, they found the chandu concealed in it.

POSTPONEMENT ASKED FOR

Mr. Mark Morrison, counsel for the defence, asked for two weeks' postponement before the hearing of the case, as he received no instructions and had no knowledge of the case.

Furthermore it was "very complicated."

Mr. Wallace Kemp, prosecuting officer, said he was prepared to carry on, as he had all his witnesses and the exhibits in court.

Mr. L. B. Gibson, the judge, remarked that the case was down for trial and he would proceed with the formal evidence, and then adjourn the case afterwards.

Chair's Afire, He's Asleep

Omaha, Neb.

Firemen and police chuckled when they answered a "gas" case at a rooming house. The fire rescue car, the police homicide detail, a cruiser car, police ambulance and detectives were at the scene—only to find a man sleeping in a chair which had been ignited by a cigar held in his hand.

LUNCH OF NATIONS

Youth took its bow at Grosvenor House, Park-lane, recently when Miss Christina Foyle, in search of another new idea to add to her list of literary luncheons, invited children of all nations to meet youthful prodigies. Here are some of the guests:

ETHIOPIA: Agnes Tedros

HUNGARY: Marta Goldstein

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"Hide And Seek" In Church—And Why

BREAM (Gloucestershire).

CHILDREN have been allowed by the vicar, the Rev. Arthur Parr, to play "hide-and-seek" in the parish church here—but only to illustrate a simple address he gave them.

This was revealed recently when the vicar attacked, at the annual Parochial Church Council meeting, the apathy of some adults towards the church.

He pointed out that the most successful church attendances were made by the children of Bream.

The vicar suggested that the grown-ups should drop in at the children's services to see how well they were attended.

He added: "I hope you will not criticise me when I reveal that to encourage the children I have allowed them to play hide-and-seek in the church."

EXPLAINING PRAYER

And the vicar explained his statement: "The children did not actually play hide-and-seek," he said.

"What happened was this. I called two children out, and told one of them to hide behind a pillar and pray and another to pray in full view of the congregation.

"This was to illustrate my contention that the church was not always a place where you attended the services to be seen. It was a place where you sometimes went to pray when opportunity offered."

Duke Vacates His Castle

THE Duke of Northumberland recently confirmed the report that he and his mother, the Duchess, are vacating Alnwick Castle, Northumberland, and will live in 20-roomed Lesbury House, on the estate.

Alnwick Castle has 200 rooms and employs 100 servants.

The following statement was issued by the Duke:

"Owing to the very heavy incidence of Death Duties incurred twice within 12 years, together with the present state of income and sur-tax and a serious depreciation in income with which all coal royalty owners will be faced in the near future, the Duke has reluctantly decided to close the castle for the time being and occupy Lesbury House."

Alnwick Castle has been in possession of the Percys, the Duke's family 630 years.

The Duke succeeded to the title in 1930. Death duties on his father's estate of £2,500,000 amounted to more than £1,000,000.

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Freak Mishap Snaps Leg

HOLDENVILLE, Okla.

L. J. Morgan suffered a broken leg in a freak accident near here. The 35-year-old Atwood, Okla., service station employee, drove a tractor past a wire lying on the ground. The wire caught his trousers leg, pulling him from the machine.

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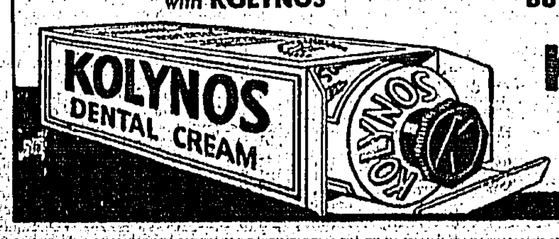

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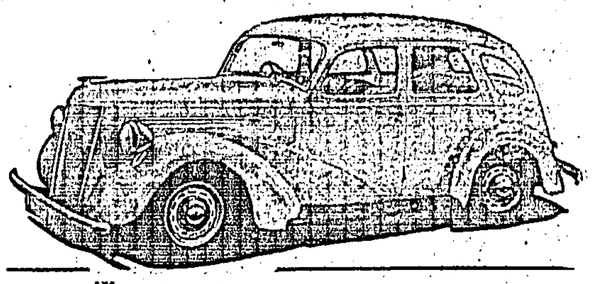

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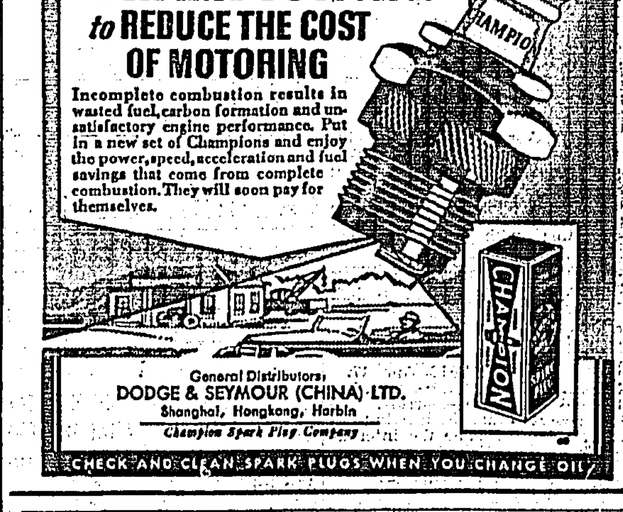

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MISS ALLAN SAYS "I'M NOT A STAR"

WHEN the film "The Citadel" was being planned, Miss Elizabeth Allan wanted the heroine, Christine, to die—as in A. J. Cronin's book.

She had an argument with Mr. Victor Saville, writer of the screen version, and he explained that he wanted Christine to live.

This was revealed by Miss Allan in the King's Bench Division recently, when she sued Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer British Studios, Ltd., for alleged breach of contract.

She complained that after the company had engaged her to play the chief star part in "The Citadel," advertised her as being engaged, they then refused to engage her and employed somebody else.

"A DISTINGUISHED ACTRESS"

Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., for Miss Allan—in private life Mrs. Elizabeth O'Bryen—said she was a distinguished actress and also appeared on the films.

But the performances of distinguished stage actresses on the films had to "grow," and although Miss Allan had been in receipt of a considerable salary and had played in well-known pictures, she had not reached the point known in the profession as a star.

If she had played the part in "The Citadel," she would thereafter have been recognised as a star; her salary would have increased, and her engagements would have been much greater.

"I think you will have no doubt that, if her story is true, Miss Allan has been shamefully treated—treated with gross discourtesy," Sir Patrick Hastings said. "She has suffered grave financial loss, and I shall ask for heavy damages."

"A GREAT FOLLOWING"

Cross-examining Miss Allan, Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., asked: "You have a great public following, have you not?

Miss Allan: I don't know. I have not made a film for some time. I should like to think so.

You are not in the habit of coming into this court on an ordinary day?—No.

"But you have a great public following," Mr. Birkett observed, gazing round at the crowded court.

Mr. Justice Singleton: If you continue on this line, there will be even more to-morrow, Mr. Birkett.

"The words 'star' or 'stardom' are merely journalese, are they not?" Mr. Birkett asked.

"I should think so, yes," Miss Allan replied.

They indicate a public performer in the first flight?—Yes.

You have been that for some years?—No. I have been under contract as a featured player except in England, where it is very indefinite what a star is. It is very much harder to be a star in America.

But it is more preferable to be a star in England?—I think so, yes.

FAME IN ENGLAND

And you are a star in England?—Only as far as a very small public is concerned. The public in England is very much smaller than the public in America.

You would concede that your reputation in England is established?—Yes.

Sir Patrick Hastings: Who gets most money?—The star in America.

And that is one of the reasons why it is harder to be a star in America?—Yes.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer British Studios, Ltd., denied the agreement alleged; denied that there had been any breach of the agreement, and denied the damages alleged.

The hearing was adjourned.

In keeping with Britain's policy of protecting citizens against air-raids, suburban Londoners awoke recently to find workmen delivering air-raid shelters from the government, as above. Task was to accept the metal and get it properly assembled.

Providing For 210,000 More Territorials

Immediate steps are to be taken to provide equipment and accommodation for the 210,000 additional members of the Territorial Army involved in the decision, announced by Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons recently.

This means that the Territorials will be brought up to a total of 340,000, equivalent to 26 divisions. The increase will lead to:

The building of more ordnance factories;
Institution of more camps;
Building more drill halls; and
Orders on a vast scale for uniforms, and so on, will be placed.

There is already a plentiful supply of rifles. There will be one for all who join, however swift the rush.

Mr. Chamberlain made his statement in reply to Mr. Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, who asked what were the intentions of the Government regarding the Territorial Army. The Prime Minister said:

The House will remember that in a recent statement I announced that every aspect of our national life, including the national defence programmes, would be examined anew.

In the course of this review his Majesty's Government have been impressed with the need for availing themselves still further of the spirit of voluntary service which is manifest throughout the country. (Cheers.) In particular they feel that they cannot allow would-be recruits for the Territorial Army to be refused because the units to which they apply are already over strength.

Accordingly they have given consideration to the position, and have come to the following conclusions:

The Territorial Field Army, which is now on a peace establishment of 130,000 men, will be raised forthwith to war establishment, which will involve an addition of about 40,000 men to this figure.

The Territorial Field Army so brought up to war establishment will be doubled, and will therefore be allotted an establishment of 340,000 men.

The House will appreciate that these important decisions will involve a number of consequential decisions to provide for the necessary increases in accommodation, in the number of competent instructors, in equipment and reserves, and in the war potential necessary to maintain the increased forces.

Plans for all these matters are being worked out, and further information about them will from time to time be given to the House.

It will be realised that a further and much augmented effort will be required to bring home to the nation the need for obtaining the numbers aimed at in the shortest possible time, and I trust that all members of the House will be willing in one form or another to give their aid in such an effort.

AVAILABLE OVERSEAS

The Prime Minister, in further reply to Mr. Greenwood, said that his statement was evidence of the Government's opinion that it had not by any means exhausted what could be done by voluntary service, and that it would demonstrate the possibilities of voluntary service meeting all our needs.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Leader of the Liberal Opposition, said that he and his friends would help in any way they could.

Replying to Sir Alfred Knox, the Prime Minister said that the desirability of increasing the period of training of the Territorial Army would be considered. He also pointed out to Mr. Bellenger that his announcement showed that double the number of divisions would in time be available for overseas service.

The cost of the new Territorial Army developments alone will be more than the total cost of the whole Army three or four years ago. A Supplementary Estimate will be presented shortly by Mr. Hore-Belisha, Minister of War.

It is understood that there will be ample equipment for training purposes. By the time training is over, full war equipment will be ready.

A notable innovation is that the officers will be recruited as far as possible from the ranks.

This principle, though followed throughout the anti-aircraft units, has not formerly been put into general practice in the Territorial infantry and artillery.

TELEGRAMS SENT

Telegrams were sent yesterday to Territorial area commands and requests made that drill-hall requirements to meet the training needs in each district should be notified within three weeks.

It is believed that the first rush of applications will bring the strength up to war establishment—an increase of 40,000 men.

Whenever it is found impossible to cope with applicants each man will receive a card and his name will be recorded so that he may be called to undergo training as soon as local arrangements have been completed.

Provision of drill halls will be one of the pressing difficulties. It is believed that as soon as areas have stated where they consider a drill hall desirable, local authorities will co-operate in preparing plans and having a hall built at government expense with as little delay as possible. There will, it is anticipated, inevitably be considerable congestion at first.

National Television Soon

Mr. F. W. Ogilvie, Director-General of the B.B.C., speaking at Liverpool recently at the opening of the B.B.C. travelling exhibition, said that they hoped to make television a national system soon.

"We have been hard at it for two years," he said, "and we have now come to a critical landmark in television work.

"We have developed the resources not merely with a view to the benefit of a 30 or 40-mile radius around London, but as a nucleus of a national system, and we want to take further steps to make television a national system at the earliest opportunity.

"The speed at which we can go forward depends on two things. Firstly, the result of technical experience as to the means of transmission, and it is hoped these results will be known before very long, although certainly not this year; and, secondly, the question of finance, because the B.B.C. does not get the whole of the 10s. paid for wireless licences.

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This statement was made recently by Dr. S. J. Peters, Doctor of Laws, National Liberal M.P. for Huntingdon, and Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of Labour.

Dr. Peters strongly opposed the Minister of Health's decision to retain this ban in the Bill, and requested that the Whips should be taken off when it was discussed in the House of Commons.

"I shall defy this part of the law, as will hundreds of healers who are curing people in many parts of the country," he said.

"IT WORKS"

"Many years ago, when I was very ill, a qualified doctor failed to help me. I heard of a woman at St. Ives who healed by laying on of hands and prayer. I sent for her and she made me well.

"Later it was discovered that I also had the power to heal in the same way. I don't care whether it is called faith, magnetism or any other name—the fact is it works.

"There is a woman living near Huntingdon who suffered from what the doctors called inoperable cancer. I laid my hands on her and prayed; after some weeks she was well. The cancers left her body, roots and all, and doctors later declared her free of the disease. You may go to see her yourself."

Dr. Peters then gave the name and address of the woman.

"PRAYED FOR POWER"

"A few years ago I was told about a man who was dying. I went to his cottage and relatives told me he could not live. I held out my hands to him and prayed for power to heal.

"That man, who did not know me, was suffering from double pneumonia and other complications. Within a month he was working in the fields.

"It is no use the medical profession denying these stories. People who, according to qualified doctors, were dying are still alive through this power which has been given to hundreds of men and women. I have never received a penny for the work; it is a great privilege to do it."

MORE QUAIL

GUTHRIE, Okla.

From 1,000 coops in the state quail hatchery near here are expected to come 25,000 birds next year for distribution throughout Oklahoma. The number will be nearly five times the total output in 1938. Some 4,500 "brood quail" now are in a long feeding pen, receiving a scientific ration including kaffir corn. Later they will be transferred to the coops.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 22nd April, to Wednesday, 26th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

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The Transfer Register will be closed from April 10th to 22nd, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
M. Y. TANG,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 1, 1939.

3.35 INCHES OF RAIN

Outcome of Falls During Last Three Days

Figures supplied by the Royal Observatory last night showed that since Saturday morning 3.35 inches of rain had fallen in Hongkong. This brings the total rainfall for 1939 up to 9.1 inches, which, though far below Hongkong's present needs, is a little better than the average for the period.

The intermittent rain has meant unpleasant conditions for all, but in the light of Hongkong's urgent need of rain these conditions have been accepted with a good grace. Heavier and more protracted falls are necessary if the Colony's reservoirs are to be properly replenished after last year's exceptionally dry conditions.

The rain was lighter yesterday and towards evening stopped altogether. The overcast sky, however, gave promise of continued wet weather.

ARMED ROBBERY

Money and Jewellery Taken By Three Men

Said to have entered the third floor of No. 22 Second Street, West Point, at 8 p.m. on Sunday under the pretext of searching for opium, three men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, robbed the inmates of the house of $60 Hongkong currency, $80 Chinese currency, and jewellery to the value of $81.

In a report to the police, Leung Mai-chung said she was at home with two other women, and four children when the front door opened and three men entered. The strangers said something about looking for opium and then one of them produced a revolver and held up the inmates while the other two searched for money and valuables.

FRENCH NAVAL FORCES MASS

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oil experts arrived in Liverpool to-day to confer with representatives of the British War Ministry as to the methods of delivering the supplies.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Norway Warns Shipping

Oslo, Apr. 17.

The Norwegian Ministry for Trade issued a decree to-day requiring the management of all Norwegian shipping companies to instruct all merchant vessels in foreign waters to keep permanently in touch with the Norwegian wireless information service, as this service will at once issue reports should danger of war in Europe become acute.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Hitler Reviews Troops.

Vienna, Apr. 17.

Herr Hitler and General von Brauschitch to-day reviewed recruits at St. Poelten, 30 miles west of Vienna.—*Reuter.*

Fear Of Force

Berlin, Apr. 17.

Well informed sources are of the opinion that Germany will renew her proposals for the return of Danzig to the Reich.

All sources insist that Germany will not take Danzig by force, since they fear that a forcible move either against Danzig or the Polish Corridor will probably be a signal for general hostilities, which Germany is apparently still anxious to avoid.—*United Press.*

Air Raid Sirens

London, Apr. 18.

Two hundred extraordinarily powerful air raid sirens are being installed throughout the entire London area.

It is said they will create "the most distressing sound ever created by man" so as to be audible above the traffic sounds.

They will be audible over an area of 200 square miles.—*United Press.*

Italian Preparedness

Rome, Apr. 17.

The military preparedness of the Italian nation has been further intensified with the publication to-night of an official Gazette announcing a Royal decree which will become effective immediately.

The decree authorises an extraordinary appropriation of one million lire annually for ten years with which the "fighting efficiency of the Army" will be strengthened.

The decree is signed by King Emmanuel, Mussolini and the Italian Minister of Finance.—*United Press.*

ANTI-AGGRESSION FRONT EXPANDS

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ed on the Premier on his return from ten days sick leave.—*Reuter.*

Polish-Rumanian Talks

Warsaw, Apr. 17.

Colonel Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, travelled to Cracol to-day to greet his Rumanian colleague, M. Gafencu, who is on his way to Berlin.

The two Foreign Ministers continued their journey together as far as Kattowitz, which afforded them an opportunity of conversing for over an hour.

Foreign Minister Gafencu will spend the night at Breslau, from where he will proceed to Berlin.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Rumanian-German Conferences

BERLIN, Apr. 17.

The Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, will arrive here to-morrow to conduct a series of vital conferences.

It is understood that the German Foreign Minister will insist that Rumania decides immediately whether she will join the Rome-Berlin Axis or adhere to Mr. Chamberlain's anti-Axis bloc.—*United Press.*

JAPANESE USE GAS

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Hsiahsien, south of Wensi, inflicted heavy losses to the Japanese garrison, killing and wounding over a hundred men, and reportedly injured the puppet magistrate there.

To the east of the Fen River, the Japanese forces at Yicheng, twenty miles southeast of Linfen, have been surrounded by the Chinese troops. More than 1,000 Japanese at Kuwo, rushed northeastward to Yicheng in an attempt to drive a wedge into the Chinese ring, were waylaid by the defenders at Nanfanchen and beaten back after receiving a large number of casualties.

At Wensi, the Japanese forces have been increased to 2,000 men and fierce fighting has broken out in the vicinity.—*Central News.*

Japanese Excuses

Shanghai, Apr. 17.

Japanese quarters admit that the Chinese forces have undertaken an offensive recently, but claim that such movements are now dying down, and that in any case, they favoured the Japanese troops, since they enabled the latter to strike at large Chinese concentrations, instead of, as previously, scattered groups.

However, it is stated that the various engagements as a result of the offensive were insignificant, involving only a small number of troops, and resulting in comparatively small losses.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Drive On Nanchang

Tungsiang, Apr. 18.

Chinese troops launching a counter-drive against the Japanese at Nanchang have crossed the Fu River flowing to the southeast of Nanchang. They are approaching Lientang, nine miles from Nanchang.

Some 200 Japanese, however, attempted to cross to the south bank of the Fu River yesterday to attack the Chinese. They were fired upon by the Chinese while crossing.

The Japanese column driving southward from Nanchang along the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway has failed to make any headway. It has been held in check for days at Liangchiatu, 20 miles south of Nanchang.

Japanese batteries at Kaoan have been shelling intermittently across the Chin River. Chinese troops counter-attacking Kaoan are reported to be outside the city. Last Saturday they succeeded in breaking into the city and challenged the Japanese to street fighting. However, they later withdrew.—*Central News.*

Brisk Kwangtung Fighting

Yungyun, Apr. 18.

Brisk fighting continues between Tsenghing and Tsungfa, according to latest military advices from the Kwangtung front.—*Central News.*

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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 12th April.	Imperial Airways Plane	April 19.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kiangsu	April 19.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 12th April.	Pan American Airways Plane	April 19.
Manila	Pres. Taft	April 19.
Manila	Roseville	April 19.
Straits	Bangalore	April 20.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 1st April).	Emp. of Russia	April 20.
Australia and Manila	Kamo Maru	April 20.
Bangkok and Swatow	Muinam	April 20.
Japan and Shanghai	Somali	April 20.
Amoy	Tilawa	April 20.
Straits	Bellerophon	April 21.
Straits	Gneisenau	April 21.
Straits and Manila	Hakozaki Maru	April 21.
Formosa, Japan and Shanghai		

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Tuesday		
Canton	Hunshan Maru	Tues., Apr. 18, 1.00 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing Wah	Tues., Apr. 18, 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy, Chuanchow and Foochow	Haitan	Tues., Apr. 18, 3 p.m.
Japan	Kutsang	Tues., Apr. 18, 7 p.m.
Saigon, Madang, Salamaua and Rabaul	m/v Neptune	Tues., Apr. 18, 7 p.m.
Shanghai	Tegelberg	Tues., Apr. 18, 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday		
Tientsin	Ninghai	Wed., Apr. 19, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Mingsang	Wed., Apr. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Straits, Penang, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Marseilles and London—due London, 25th May.	Ajax	Wed., Apr. 19. G. P. O. and K. P. O. Parcels, Apr. 19, Noon.
Shanghai	Diomed	Wed., Apr. 19, 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Wingsang	Wed., Apr. 19, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Tsinan	Wed., Apr. 19, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 26th April.	Pan American Airways Plane	Wed., Apr. 19. K.P.O. Reg., Apr. 19, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 19, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., Apr. 19, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 20, 7.30 a.m.
Thursday		
Haiphong	Canton	Thurs., Apr. 20, 2 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	Thurs., Apr. 20, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 27th April	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Apr. 20. K.P.O. Reg., Apr. 20, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 20, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., Apr. 20, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 20, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 29th April	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Apr. 20. K.P.O. Reg., Apr. 20, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 20, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., Apr. 20, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 20, 7 p.m.
Shanghai	Bangalore	Thurs., Apr. 20, 7.00 p.m.
Japan	Kamo Maru	Thurs., Apr. 20, 7 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco and (Papers only for Canada)—due San Francisco, 11th May and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Siberia	President Taft	Thurs., Apr. 20. G. P. O. and K. P. O. Parcels, Apr. 20, 5 p.m. Reg., Apr. 21, 9.45 a.m. Ord., Apr. 21, 10.30 a.m.
Friday		
Swatow and Foochow	Yochow	Fri., Apr. 21, 10.30 a.m.
Papers only for Straits and (Parcels and papers) for Calcutta	Sulsang	Fri., Apr. 21. Parcels Apr. 21, 11 a.m. Papers Apr. 21, Noon.
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan	Hakusan Maru	Fri., Apr. 21, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Gneisenau	Fri., Apr. 21, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"	Air France Plane	Fri., Apr. 21. K.P.O. Reg., Apr. 21, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 21, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., Apr. 21, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 21, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 4th May	Hakozaki Maru	Fri., Apr. 21. K.P.O. Reg., Apr. 21, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 21, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., Apr. 21, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 21, 6.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th May	Hakozaki Maru	Fri., Apr. 21. K.P.O. Reg., Apr. 21, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 21, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., Apr. 21, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 21, 7 p.m.
Saturday		
Haiphong	Pronto	Sat., Apr. 22, 10 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kiangsu	Sat., Apr. 22, 2 p.m.
Amoy	Cremer	Sat., Apr. 22, 3.30 p.m.
Sunday		
Shanghai	Conte Biancamano	Sun., Apr. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Esang	Sun., Apr. 23, 9 a.m.
Saigon and Bangkok via Swatow	Kaigan	Sun., Apr. 23, 9 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kiangsu	Sun., Apr. 23, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 1st May	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Apr. 24. K.P.O. Reg., Apr. 24, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 24, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., Apr. 24, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 24, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 1st May	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Apr. 24. K.P.O. Reg., Apr. 24, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 24, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., Apr. 24, 5 p.m. Ord., Apr. 24, 7 p.m.

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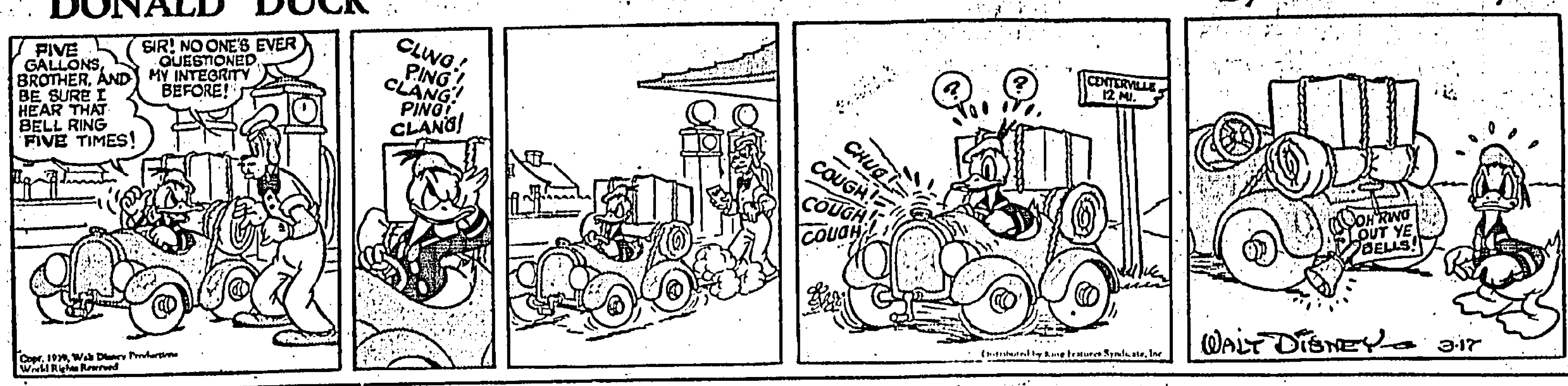

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SOCIALISTS WON'T JOIN CABINET

POLITICAL CRISIS WORRIES BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, Apr. 17.

THE SOCIALIST Ministers of the Belgian Cabinet have resigned.

The Premier, M. Pierlot is reforming the Cabinet on a two-party basis.—*United Press.*

The Socialist Party Congress has rejected by a majority of 62,000 votes, and 15,000 abstentions, a resolution in favour of Socialist participation in the Belgian Government.—*Reuter and United Press.*

Stop-Gap Cabinet

Brussels, Apr. 17.

The Belgian Premier, M. Hubert Pierlot has formed a new Cabinet with the Socialist M. Eugene Soudan, remaining in temporary charge of Foreign Affairs, an office which M. Paul Spaak will actually hold.

However, M. Spaak is withholding his definite acceptance in order that he may be more free to tell the National Congress and the Labour Party his viewpoint on the participation of the Socialists in the tripartite government.—*United Press.*

Madrid Victory Parade

MADRID, Apr. 17.—Over 500,000 troops will take part in the Madrid victory parade which has been provisionally fixed for May 15.

The parade will officially mark the end of the civil war.

General Franco is expected to make an important speech.—*Reuter.*

Many Die In U.S. Tornado Disaster

New York, Apr. 17.

At least 43 were killed and 170 injured by tornadoes which swept five southern States to-day.

Thousands of acres of Ohio lowlands were submerged.

Relief organisations are bringing help to the stricken areas.—*Reuter.*

LONDON, Apr. 17.—Six men, implicated in the murder of the British Consul in Mosul, Mr. Monck-Mason, were sentenced to-day by a court-martial in Baghdad to terms of penal servitude varying from eight to 15 years.—*Trans-Ocean.*

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Hitler's Birthday A Holiday

BERLIN, Apr. 17.—Herr Hitler's birthday on Thursday has been declared a national holiday, by order of the Minister of the Interior.

The order applies also to Moravia and Bohemia.

The Nazi leader in Danzig Herr Foerster, is expected to offer Herr Hitler honorary citizenship of Danzig during the celebrations in Berlin of the Fuehrer's 50th birthday.—*Reuter.*

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS	
H.K. Banks, $	1,355 b.
H.K. Banks Lon. £	80 n.
Chartered £	7¾ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	27 n.
Mercantile, C. £	13 n.
East Asia $	80 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton $	222½ n.
Unions $	465 s.
China Underwriter $	1½ n.
H.K. Fire $	180 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglas $	75 b.
Steamboats $	13 n.
Indo-Chinas, P. $	60 n.
Indo-Chinas, D$	24 n.
Shell Bearers s/-	81/3 n.
Waterboats $ (x.d.)	8.40 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves $	100 n.
Docks $	15½ sa.
Providents $	4 n.
New Eng. Sh. $	6.70 n.
Sha. Docks, Sh. $	101½ n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	15/6 n.
Raubs $	8 b.
Venz: Goldfield $	3 n.
Hongkong Mines cts.	4 n.
Antamoks Ps.	.31 sa.
Atoks Ps.	.30 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps.	.23 sa.
Benguet Cons Ps.	10.80 sa.
Coco Grove Ps.	.31 sa.
Demonstrations Ps.	.13 sa.
I.X.L. Ps.	.52 sa.
Itogons Ps.	.22½ sa.
Camarines Ps.	.48 sa.
San Maruicio Ps.	1.72 sa.
Suyoc Consols Ps.	.15 sa.
Paracles Ps.	.58 sa.
LANDS	
Hotels $	5.30 n.
Lands $	32¼ sa.
Lands 4% deb. $	104 n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	8½ n.
Humphreys $	8.65 n.
H.K. Realties $	4.10 n.
Chinese Estates $	102 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams $	15.80 b.
Peak Trams (old) $	8 n.
Peak Trams (new) $	4 n
Star Ferries $	67½ n
Y. Ferries (old) $	25 n.
Y. Ferries (new) $	24 n.
China Lights (old) $ 7.90 b. & sa	
China Lights (new) $	5.20 n.
H.K. Electrics $	53 b.
Macao Electrics $ (x.d.)	17 n.
Sandakan Lights $	12 n.
Telephones (old. $	22½ n.
Telephones (new) $	7¼ n.
Tractions s/-	22/- n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/-	22/- n.
INDUSTRIAL	
Cald: Macg. (ord.), Sh. $	14 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pre.), Sh. $	13 n.
Canton Ices $	1 b.
Cements $	13¼ n.
H.K. Ropes $	3.60 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms (ex. rts.) $	20½ n.
Dairy Farms (rts.) $	15¼ n.
Watsons $	7¾ n.
Lane Crawfords $	8 n.
Sinceres $	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.) $	42 n.
Powell, Ltd. cts.	90 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. $	19.90 n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	105 n.
Z'Mag Sings, Sh. $	30 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. $	40 n
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainment $	6.40 b.
Constructions, $	1¾ n.
Vibro Piling $	7 sa.
Ch Govt. 5% 1925	
G.$ Bonds	62½% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4% prm.	n.
H.K. Govt. Loan 3½% par	n.
Marsmans (Lond.) s/-	13/3 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	5/- s.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1889.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS FOR KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—The Steamship "BRECONSHIRE," Captain Daucaster, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 19th Instant, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 18th April, 1889.

(The successor to the Breconshire of fifty years ago is now under construction at the Taikoo Dockyards.—Ed.).

25 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1914.

When the pigs begin to "fly" will no longer convey quite such a notion of impossibility, for at Hendon recently a pair of them enjoyed a crowded five minutes of more or less glorious life in a Bleriot monoplane, under the pilotage of Gustave Hamel, Mrs. Havis Davis was one of hundreds at the aerodrome recently to see famous skymen perform for the benefit of Marcel Desouter, the young Frenchman, who recently broke his leg in pursuit of the science of aviation. She had a couple of small black pet pigs with her, and, carrying one under each arm, she induced Hamel, who has had dogs and rats as his aerial companions before, to give them a thrilling sensation. They squeaked a little, were photographed a great deal, and amidst laughter from the group surrounding the yellow Bleriot, off they started, and five minutes later down they came quite safely.

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The last stage of a great telegraphic accomplishment is nearing completion as the cable ship Colonia makes her way from Singapore to Hongkong. The vessel is at present well on the way to these shores, laying the cable as she goes, and it is expected that the last piece of cable will be laid down on Wednesday next. Then Hongkong, will be in direct communication with Europe by submarine cable.

10 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1929.

The State Department has prepared an exhaustive review of the Monroe Doctrine and its applications, with a view to working out a new definition of the famous declaration of American policy with regard to the American continents.

5 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1934.

Germany's explanation of the heavy increases in her provisions for military purposes is that no rearmament is involved, the extra expenditure being for long-needed replacements.

The Note addressed by the German Foreign Minister to the British Ambassador in Berlin in the reply to the enquiry regarding the increases in the German naval, military and air estimates, was presented to the House of Commons by the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, in reply to a question.

The Note states that, in regard to the estimates for the army, 654.6 million Reichsmarks, which represents an increase of 172 millions, the "increased expenditure is necessary for the preparations due to take place in course of the budget year for the conversion of the Reichswehr into a short service army.

The Budget of the Air Ministry cannot be regarded as an armament budget. It consists of a budget for air transport and a budget for air protection. It is estimated that the expenses for air transport will amount to 160 million Reichsmarks against the previous year's 77 millions.

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A farewell parade to Lieut. Col. G. T. Raikes, D.S.O., O.C. the 1st Battn. the South Wales Borderers, who is leaving for England on Saturday to take up an appointment as instructor at the Senior Officers' School at Sheerness, took place on the Murray Parade Ground this morning.

THEFT OF CLOCK

Taikoo Dockyard Employee Fined by Magistrate

A 26-year-old employee of the Taikoo Dockyard, Tin Pak-hung, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday with the theft of a travelling clock, valued at $25, from No. 3 Stanley Terrace, Quarry Bay, the property of Mr. W. C. Bovaird.

Defendant was originally charged with receiving, but the larceny charge was substituted.

Inspector W. A. Russell said defendant was employed as a furniture maker, and apart from his duties inside the yard, he also worked in the quarters of Dockyard employees. During the last fortnight, however, he was given no work to do in the quarters, and therefore had no right there on April 14, when the theft was committed. Defendant was arrested in a pawnshop in Shaukiwan attempting to pawn the clock.

Pleading guilty Tin was fined $10.

Royal Visit Cancelled

Duke And Duchess And Irish Tour

LONDON, Apr. 17.

THE VISIT of the Duke and Duchess of Kent to Northern Ireland, which was postponed from its original date, has now been put off indefinitely.

A notice issued from the official residence of the Duke of Abercorn states that at the request of the Government of Northern Ireland, the Governor has informed the Duke that it would be preferable if the projected visit of Their Highnesses did not take place this year.

The Duke kindly acquiesced and "expressed the hope that he may be enabled to pay a State visit to Northern Ireland upon his return from Australia."

The Duke and Duchess of Kent leave for Australia during the second week in October.—*Reuter.*

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

Only a few small enquiries were dealt with during the day and at prices approximating the opening quotations. With the political situation so cloudy, the market has recently adopted a hesitant attitude, particularly on Mondays, nowadays being inclined to take guidance from the trend of the London market, and this is not available until Tuesday mornings.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank $1,355
Douglases $75
H.K. Lands $32
H.K. Realties $3.90
H.K. Tramways $15.80
China Lights (Old) $7.00
H.K. Electrics $53
Canton Ices $1
Watsons $7½
Entertainments $6.40

Sellers

H.K. Realties $4.10
Marsmans 5/-

Sales

H.K. & K. Wharves $99
H.K. Docks (Old) $15¼
China Lights (Old) $7.00
Vibro Piling $7
Antamoks Ps. .31
Atoks .30
Baguio Gold .23
Benguet Consolidated 10.80
Coco Grove .31
Demonstrations .13
I. X. L. .52
Itogons .22½
North Camarines .48
San Mauricio 1.72
Suyoc .15
United Paracale .58

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Apr. 17.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
May	7.97/98	8.09/09
July	7.72/72	7.80/80
October	7.42/42	7.46/46
December	7.37/37	7.40/40
January	7.37b/38a	7.40N
March	7.44/44	7.45N
Spot	———	8.84N

The First Notice Day for May cotton is April 25th, and the last Day is May 16th.

New York Rubber

May	15.67 /66	15.65 /65
September	15.67b/72a	15.67 /69
December	15.72b/73a	15.65b/70a
March	———	15.68N

The First Notice Day for May rubber is April 27th, and the last Day is May last.

To-day's Sales:—780 tons.

Chicago Wheat

May	69⅛/69⅜	69¼/69⅛
July	68 /68⅛	68⅛/68
September	———	68½/68⅝

Saturday's Sales:—8,765,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

May	48¼/48¼	48⅜/48⅜
July	49⅞/49⅞	49¾/49⅞
September	50⅝/50⅝	50½/50½

Winnipeg Wheat

May	60⅝/60¾	60¾/60¾
July	61¾/61⅞	61¾/61¾
Sept.	———	62⅞/62⅞

Apparently due to the heavy rain which fell during the last two days, the roof of a house in Yu On Lane, near Second Street, collapsed last night. A section near the kitchen gave way, and a woman who was cooking at the time received slight injuries. She was removed to Queen Mary Hospital.

TO-DAY'S RADIO

ZBW, 355 metres (845 k.c.) and 31.49 metres (9,520 kilo-cycles)

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.W. on a Frequency of 845 k.c.'s. and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 8-11 p.m. on 9.52 m.c.'s. per second.

H. K. T.

12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercesion from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 **Stuart Robertson (Baritone) and the London Palladium Orchestra.**

Merchant Of Venice Suite (Rosse) ....London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood; Little Brown Jug; The Three Crows (Eastburn) and The Mermaid; Polly Wolly Doodle (arr. W. M.)....Stuart Robertson (Baritone) with Piano and Chorus; Palladium Memories,—Intro: The Fleet's in Port Again; Hometown; O-Kay for Sound; Along the river with you; Life begins at Oxford Circus; There's a new world; Free; Waltz of the Gipsies; Round about Regent Street....London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood.

1.00 Time and Weather.

1.03 **Turner Layton (Vocal) at the Piano.**

My Piano And Me,—Intro: One Alone; To a Wild Rose; One Fine Day; Lost (Ohman, Mercer and Testor); Sweetheart Let's Grow Old Together (Bratton and Edwards).

1.15 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.

1.30 **Dance Music.**

Slow Fox-Trot—Honey Coloured Moon (film 'Music hath charms); Fox-Trot—Music Hath Charms (from the film)....New Mayfair Dance Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Fox-Trot—I'd Rather Listen To Your Eyes (film 'Shipmates Forever')....Jacques Renard and His Orchestra.

1.40 **Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: Mr. George Buchanan. Subject: 'Steam Boilers'.**

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 **Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.**

(a) Outside of Paradise; (b) Shinnanigans; (c) Heart and Soul; (d) Jeepers Creepers.

6.14 Record: So Many Memories (Woods) and Outside An Old Stage Door (Pelosi-Pattison) .....Ralph Silvester (Vocal) accomp. by Fred Hartley and His Sextet.

Beethoven Symphony No. 7 In A Major. Op. 92

ROTARY TIFFEN SPEECH

6.21 (a) I could use a Dream; (b) Flat Foot Floogie; (c) After you've gone; (d) Every Tub.

6.35 Records: Dinah (Akst) and Lazy Bones (Mercer and Carmichael) ....8 Piano Ensemble lead by Philip Finch; Little Lady Make-Believe (Tobias and Simon)......Dorothy Lamour (Vocal) with Herbie Kay and His Orchestra.

6.44 (a) Star Dust; (b) Mama's gone Good-bye; (c) Moon-Glow; (d) Rhythm Mad.

7.00 Close Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 **Reginald Dixon at the Organ.**

Dixon Hits No. 16,—Intro: It looks like rain in Cherry Blossom Lane; The greatest mistake of my life; Wake up and live; You're here, You're there; Ten pretty girls; Love is good for anything that ails you; Dixon Hits No. 21,—Intro: Tears in my heart; In my little red book; Once in a while; The pretty little patchwork quilt; The girl in the Alice Blue Gown; Don't ever change.

7.15 **A Programme of Dance Music and Variety.**

Dance Orchestra—Summer's End—Slow Fox-Trot; Never Break A Promise—Waltz.. Mantovani and His Orchestra; Vocal—Let Me Go Back To The Farm (Sarony and Holmes) and Why Must We Keep On Working? (Sarony and Holmes).....The Two Leslies (Leslie Sarony and Leslie Holmes) with Orchestra; Dance Orchestra—Allah's Holiday (Friml) and Indianola (Onivas)....The Six Swingers directed by George Scott Wood; Vocal and Piano—Two Shadows (film same) and I Won't Tell A Soul (Parker-Charles) ....Leslie Hutchinson; Comedian—Pop! Goes Your Heart (film 'Happiness Ahead') and London On A Rainy Night (Washington and Stept) ..Bobby Howes with Orchestra; Hawaiian Orchestra—Tropic Love (Tomerlin and Long) and Sweet Hawaiian Chimes (McConnell and Sandford) ....The Hawaiian Islanders with Vocal Chorus; Dance Orchestra—Love Is Where You Find It (film 'Garden of the Moon') and Garden of the Moon (from the film).....Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra.

8.00 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 **Violin Solos by Yehudi Menuhin.**

Sicilienne Et Rigaudon (Francoeur-Kreisler) and Guitarre (Moszkowski-Sarasate)....with Piano accomp. by Arthur Balsam; Romance In A Major, Op. 94, No. 2 (Schumann, arr. Kreisler)....with Piano accomp. by Ferguson.

8.14 **Schumann—Concerto In D Minor.**

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and The Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York conducted by John Barbirolli.

8.44 **A Song by Amelita Galli-Curci (Soprano).**

Chanson Indoue ('Sadko'—Rimsky-Korsakov).

8.49 **Rimsky-Korsakov—Le Coq D'Or Suite.**

London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

9.15 **London Relay—The News.**

9.30 **London Relay—'Food for Thought'.**

Short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.45 **London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.**

9.50 **Songs by Elsie Suddaby (Soprano).**

The Mocking Fairy (Besly); The Almond Tree (Schumann); The Rosebud; Hark! Hark! The Lark (Schubert)....with Piano accompaniment.

10.00 **London Relay—'The City of London'—8:**

'The Corporation' by A. H. Thomas, Deputy Keeper of the Records, Guildhall.

10.15 **Two Schubert Songs.**

Hedge Rose, Op. 3, No. 3 and The Erl King, Op. 1....Alexander Kipnis (Bass) with Gerald Moore at the Piano.

10.21 **Beethoven—Symphony No. 7 In A Major, Op. 92.**

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

11.00 Close Down.

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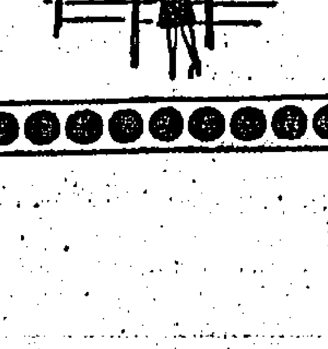
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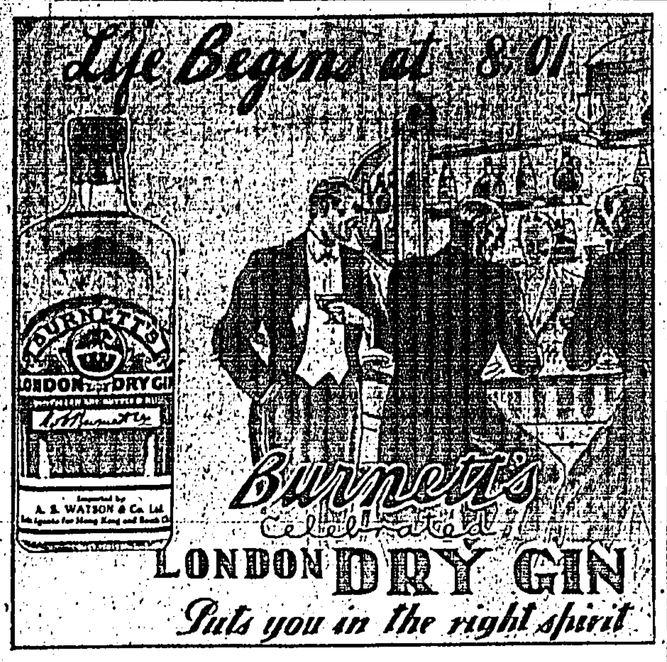

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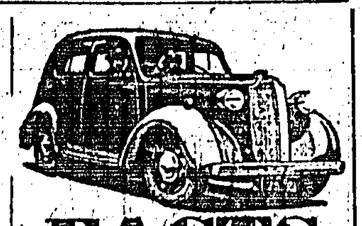

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America and Europe

ANYONE who has read the revelations in the war-time memoirs and letters of the late Colonel House, President Wilson's right-hand man who was instrumental in bringing the United States into the Great War, will see a great similarity in United States policy to-day with that of the period just before America declared war on Germany.

President Roosevelt's peace plea to Germany and Italy are parallel with a similar plea by President Wilson in 1916. Colonel House has revealed in his Memoirs that this appeal was made at the suggestion of the British Government. It needs no intelligence to see in the week-end move to place Hitler and Mussolini in awkward positions a similar genesis; especially when President Roosevelt's appeal is coupled with the sudden ordering of the entire U.S. Fleet to the Pacific, a move that can only be interpreted as a U.S. warning to Japan that it will not only be American interests that will be protected in the Pacific if war should come to Europe.

The United States has a solid Isolationist group which, though placed somewhat at a disadvantage by the knowledge that the Totalitarian threat is not only to Europe, is nevertheless by no means quiescent. Apart from the Isolationists there are the pacifist and neutrality groups, who are in the same position as the Isolationists in the present crisis. Then again there are the Germanophiles and Italophiles—a not inconsiderable group when it is considered that of the 13,360,000 foreign-born residents of the United States, 1,608,814 are Germans, 1,790,429 Italians and 370,914 Austrians.

What none of these groups realise is that, as was frankly admitted in the Memoirs of three of America's ablest men of the Great War period—President Wilson, Colonel House and Mr. Walter Page (the latter, a violent Anglophile, was war-time Ambassador to the Court of St. James'), a threat to Great Britain or France is a threat to the United States. Whatever may be the inclinations of that part of the American people represented by the Isolationists, the pacifists and the Anglophobes, there is not the slightest doubt but that a war between Democracy, as represented by Britain and France, and Totalitarianism, as represented by Germany, Italy or Japan, will force America on to the side of the former as an active partner. It is interesting to know that the decision to assure an Allied victory in the Great War was made by the United States as early as 1915 and, although America did not enter the war until 1917, it is a fact, revealed by both President Wilson and Colonel House, that Great Britain was informed as early as 1916 that America would enter on the Allied side if Britain requested her assistance. The request was never made by Britain; by 1917 public opinion in the United States had become so bitter against the Central Powers that American participation became a foregone conclusion.

To what extent public opinion has been revolted by recent aggression in Europe it is hard to estimate, but we believe that those Americans who have their fingers on its diplomatic and political pulse can see the writing on the wall. Recent events suggest that collaboration between President Roosevelt and the Democracies in Europe is as close to-day as it was between President Wilson and the Allies in the early stages of the Great War. Few Americans would admit that such collaboration existed in 1914-1916: few Americans admit that it exists to-day.

It is probable that secrecy succeeded in prolonging the Great War, since it is hardly possible that Germany would have ignored the early efforts at a termination of hostilities had she known that the United States was irrevocably committed to the Allied cause. Similarly, secrecy to-day may lead the prototypes of the militarists of a quarter of a century ago to acts of daring which may plunge the world into catastrophe, and which might well be averted if they are quite frankly told that aggression will be met with the combined force of all the world's democracies.

The Way People Act in a Crisis

ONE of the most conspicuous things about a crisis, such as the present, is that it turns a people—even so traditionally reserved a people as the English—into a nation of conversationalists.

It was observed in England during the early days of the Great War that strangers were everywhere talking to each other in the railway trains.

Men who, since their boyhood, had looked on every newcomer into their railway compartment as a hated intruder, now entered eagerly into conversation with whoever happened to be sitting opposite to them, even though he had "bore" written all over him.

How long did he think the war would last? Were the Germans walking into a trap? Did he believe it was true that the Russians had been seen on their way through England to Belgium?

Longing for reassurance, the ordinary man felt more certain in his optimism if it was confirmed by a watery-eyed little man with a weak chin whose opinions in time of peace would not have been thought worth listening to.

The little man became an echo—a convincingly megaphoned echo—of one's own hopes. That was very cheering.

Men did not talk more freely than usual, however, merely in order to confirm their hopes and prove the emptiness of their fears. They talked because beneath their surface calm they were more excited than usual.

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HEIGHTENED excitement usually seeks relief in words. Heightened excitement turns a few men and women into poets. It turns the rest of the community into talkers.

You will always notice that the more exciting the occasion the easier it is to get into conversation with strangers. You are much more likely, for example, to find yourself talking to the stranger who is sitting beside you at the boxing match than to find yourself talking to the stranger who is sitting beside you in a bus.

That is because the atmosphere of a boxing match is—as a rule—so much more exciting than the atmosphere of a bus.

The same thing happens on occasions of accident or disaster. I am sure that thousands of Londoners found themselves talking to strangers as they watched the Crystal Palace blazing.

This may be partly explained by the fact that in presence of public disaster men are more conscious of their community than at normal times. They are no longer divided into sects and parties as they witness the havoc wrought by a great gale or the devastation of a flooded city. For the moment, in their awe—and, no doubt, in their curiosity—they are brothers.

It is this sense of community that, at time of crisis, takes men into the streets. At such times they feel more at home in a crowd than at their own firesides.

I am sure even the publichouses are more crowded as the result of the news from Europe. People feel somehow that in the loquacious company of other people it would be easier to make up their minds as to what the Government ought to do, or are going to do.

MANY people even decided that this was an occasion for going and staring at the outside of Buckingham Palace, or No. 10 Downing Street. This gave them a sense of being at the very capital of the crisis. Here for the moment was the centre of the world.

I have never myself been able to take any satisfaction in staring for a long stretch of time at a familiar building merely because it was sensationally in the news. Thousands of people do so, however.

Possibly most of them go because they know so many other people will be there. There is nothing like a crowd for drawing a crowd.

The fact is, a crisis that is beyond his control makes the ordinary man feel rather helpless and also rather restless; and he can partly get rid both of his sense of helplessness and of his restlessness in the company of other people.

Not, indeed, that even at times of crisis the ordinary man's thoughts are preoccupied with the crisis during all his waking hours.

I imagine there were thousands of Englishmen who forgot for a few moments that there was such a thing as a crisis when they read the headline in their papers: "England's Collapse," the reference being, of course, to cricket. The ordinary man, even during a crisis, has a way of remaining as normal in his interests as the crisis will let him.

I REMEMBER during the first month of the war taking a walk on Hampstead Heath and seeing a very serious-looking young man approaching from the opposite direction with a very serious-looking girl on his arm.

You would have judged from his appearance that the war was the one subject of his thoughts, but what he was saying to the girl as I passed them was: "I tell you what I like—cold bacon."

I doubt whether human beings could get through their crises so well if even in critical times they did not occasionally let their minds wander to thoughts of cold bacon. I am sure Dr. Johnson would have approved of that young man.

If you wish to see how the ordinary man refuses to allow himself to become crisis-ridden, you have only to go on a Saturday to any of the great football grounds in any part of England.

What is to be seen there does not mean that the ordinary man is indifferent to the crisis. It merely means that man—especially the ordinary man—cannot live by crises alone.

—R. L.

"...an occasion for staring at the outside of Buckingham Palace."
—Picture taken during a previous crisis.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"Butch Jones is a holdout this year—Since he moved outa the neighbourhood he won't sign a contract to play ball unless we pay his carfare over!"

'Dodie, Let's Get Married'

—So they did—and here's the story told in Dodie's own way.
New York.

THE secret marriage of Miss Dodie Smith, playwright, who wrote "Autumn Crocus," "Service," and "Call it a Day," and her business manager, Mr. Alec Beesley, was revealed by her friends in New York recently.

It is best to tell the story of their romance in the way Miss Smith might write it:—

ACT I.

In a toy store in London attractive Miss Dodie Smith is going about her business as buyer for the store. Enter Alec Beesley, efficient crisp-voiced advertising manager for the store.

They look at each other; they are instantly both interested. They go out together. They become friends.

ACT II.

There is the sound of applause from a theatre audience. It is another successful first night for playwright Miss Dodie Smith, the girl who used to buy toys for a store.

Now she has enough money to buy anything she wants for herself.

"I need a business manager," she says to Alec Beesley. He who used to be her superior become her employee.

ACT III.

In New York, in cold, crisp March. Miss Dodie Smith, with her Rolls Royce, her dog, and her business manager, has come for the production of her latest play, "Dear Octopus."

The play has a short run; it closes. "Let's get married," says Alec Beesley.

They decide not to tell a soul that they are married "somewhere in America."

They leave New York with their dog in the Rolls Royce, and set out on a world-wide honeymoon.

Woman's Cartwheel Hat Holds Up Court

A WOMAN'S black, cartwheel brimmed hat, which hid her face as she gave evidence, was commented on by Mr. Registrar Friend at Clerkenwell County Court, E.C., recently.

The registrar said: "This won't do, you know. I have not only got to hear your evidence, I have also got to see your face and study your demeanour as you give it."

"But your hat keeps all view of your face from me."

The woman, Miss Majories Moseley, manageress of a public house in Liverpool-road, London, N., smiled apologetically.

Then the solicitor examining her suggested:—

"Listen to my questions, but keep your eyes on the registrar."

That solved the problem, and the case went on.

Federated Malay States

MORRIS again heads the list of all vehicle registrations in the Federated Malay States for the month of October, 1938.

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

London

Economist On British Finances

London, Apr. 17.

The economist, Mr. J. M. Keynes, emerging from a silence imposed by prolonged illness, urges in *The Times* a complete readjustment of the British mental outlook concerning the Government's crisis in finance.

He considers that the Chancellor of the Exchequer should assume the cessation of abnormal unemployment during 1939-40 and the gradual increase of the national income by eight per cent. The year's loan expenditure will be at least £220,000,000 above that of last year. Many adjustments are necessary before the net effect can be estimated.

Private investment for the purpose of carrying out Government orders may be an important offset of the increased adverse trade balance. The increase in primary demand may be £220,000,000; meaning an increase in the total demand of twice this amount.

The British Government's loan expenditure will be eight per cent. of national income, or proportionately twice the maximum of public works expenditure in America. Such expenditure will require the services of about 1,000,000 unemployed, which means that the prospects for home industries are better than they have been for years. Apart from the labour problem the balance of foreign trade must be the chief occupation.

Praising Mr. R. S. Hudson's efforts to adapt British export methods to the times, Mr. Keynes believes that the handling of foreign trade cannot be left to individual enterprise unaided. Moreover, he advocates tightening up of the embargo on the export of capital by British nationals, without interfering with *bona fide* trade transactions or transactions on behalf of foreign holders. The whole country's liquid resources must be concentrated to meet the adverse balance of trade to provide for political loans.—*Reuter.*

Mediterranean

Significant British Troop Movements

London, Apr. 17.

The transference of troops from Palestine to Egypt and the despatch of the Welsh Guards to Gibraltar are signs of the close watch which Great Britain, with France, is keeping on the Mediterranean and Spain, says the London *Times*.

Evidence that has grown about the large amount of German equipment that has come to the naval ports on the north-west coast of Spain, in addition to the reports of German aerodromes and other reports of Italian troop movements, are being closely examined.

Particularly, it is being asked when exactly the Italian triumphal march through Madrid is taking place.

The first date suggested was April 20. Then May 2 was suggested; now the date has been put back to May 15.

Clearly, the British Government is bound to consider these changes completely unsatisfactory.—*Reuter.*

Further Arrivals

Gibraltar, Apr. 17.

Three more French destroyers arrived at Gibraltar to-day in addition to the four which arrived yesterday and departed for an unknown destination last night. More French warships are expected to arrive very soon.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

EGYPTIAN ARMY

Cairo, Apr. 17.

Close co-operation of the British and Egyptian army for the defence of Egypt has been agreed upon as a result of the conversations of the general staffs of the two countries which were concluded to-day. The supreme command will be British. In the individual districts each British commander will be assisted by an Egyptian officer, and a British officer will be attached to every Egyptian commander.

The air forces will be organised as a joint force of the two armies and will be stationed chiefly at Alexandria and Marsa Matruch on the Mediterranean coast near the Lybian frontier. The air force will be strengthened by additional British units.

According to Egyptian press reports, the British War Ministry has decided to dispatch three brigades of Indian troops to Egypt immediately, to be followed shortly by a further men.—*Trans-Ocean.*

MOBILISING GREEKS

Alexandria, Apr. 17.

The Greek Consulate has received instructions to prepare to mobilise all Greeks between the ages of 18 and 40 residing in Egypt.

It is believed that between 10,000 and 12,000 Greeks are available. It is understood that in war time the Greeks living in Egypt would be formed into special battalions and drafted to the western desert.—*Reuter Special.*

Requiem Mass For Mr. Lyons

London, Apr. 17.

A Requiem Mass was said at Westminster Cathedral to-day for the late Premier of Australia, Mr. J. A. Lyons. Mr. and Mrs. Neville Chamberlain were present, while Lord Halifax was represented.

The Australian Government has decided to grant a life annuity of £500 to Mrs. Lyons. A similar annuity will be given to the children until the youngest, who is at present six years old, reaches the age of 21.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Belgium

New Cabinet Formed

Brussels, Apr. 17.

The Cabinet crisis which has lasted six weeks ended to-day when the Catholic Senator, Pierlot, formed a three-party coalition Government.

An earlier attempt to include the Socialists failed but a new effort due to the international situation was made and proved successful.—*Reuter.*

The New Ministers

Brussels, Apr. 17.

The official list of Ministers reads: Premier, Pierlot, Catholic Walloon; Traffic, Marck, Catholic Fleming; Agriculture, D. Aspremont Lynden, Catholic Walloon; Colonies, de Vlaeschauer, Catholic Fleming; Home, Deveze, Liberal Walloon; Public Works, Van der Porten, Liberal Fleming; Foreign, Paul Spaak, Socialist Deputy, Brussels; Justice, Soudan, Socialist Fleming; Labour and Social Welfare, Wauters, Socialist Walloon; Health, Eeckelers, Socialist Fleming; Education, Duesberg; Finances, Gutt; Defence, Gutt; Defence, General Denis; Minister without portfolio, Janson, Liberal Deputy, Brussels.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Some Doubts

Brussels, Apr. 17.

Some surprise has been caused by the announcement that the Minister for Justice, M. Soudan, will temporarily take charge of the Foreign Ministry owing to M. Spaak having at the last minute declared that he must postpone his decision regarding acceptance of the post of Foreign Minister until the close of the Socialist Party Congress on Monday evening.

Political circles, however, generally believe that M. Spaak will accept the post.

The new Minister for Relief of Unemployment has not yet been appointed, but it is considered certain that the choice will fall on a Socialist.

Of the new Ministers the most notable appointment is that of the Minister of Agriculture, Count D. Aspremont Lynden, who is the Leader of the Conservative Wing of the Catholic Party.—*Trans-Ocean.*

BANK RATE RAISED

Brussels, Apr. 17.

The bank rate has been raised from 2½ to 4 per cent. This measure is interpreted as a measure aimed at defending the belga against heavy selling pressure arising from unconfirmed rumours that the currency may be shortly devalued.—*Reuter.*

Japan

Diplomatic Reshuffle Announced

Tokyo, Apr. 17.

The Foreign Office to-day announced that Mr. Toshiaki Hotta, former Japanese Ambassador to Italy and concurrently Japanese Minister to Albania, has been relieved of his concurrent post of Minister.

Political circles point out that the step indicates the readiness of the Japanese Government to relieve Mr. Toshio Shiratori, Japanese Ambassador to Italy and concurrently Japanese Minister to Albania, of his concurrent post in recognition of Italy's recent action in Albania.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, is planning to carry out a reshuffle in Japan's diplomatic service abroad. New Ministers will be appointed to Panama, Iraq, Bulgaria and Venezuela, while a full-time Minister will be named to Portugal.

Mr. Kojiro Inouye, Director of the Eurasia Bureau of the Foreign Office, will be appointed Japanese Minister to Hungary, while Mr. Haruhiko Nichi, Counsellor to the Japanese Embassy at Moscow, will be appointed to succeed Mr. Inouye as the Director of the Eurasia Bureau.

Mr. Morito Morishima, Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy in China, will be appointed Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy at Moscow to succeed Mr. Haruhiko Nishi.—*Domei.*

Spelling Bee

HOW *many of these words are correct and what is wrong with others?*

asumption	transsient
asortment	transillient
asterisk	transcision

English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

Roosevelt And European Crisis

HITLER TO GIVE FORMAL REPLY TO PRESIDENT

Reactions to President Roosevelt's personal appeal to Italy and Germany to cease aggression and combine in a world peace movement indicate approval on the part of Europe's Collective Security bloc, but there is silence, punctuated by negative responses, from the two chief countries concerned.

Herr Hitler has announced that he will make a reply in the name of the German people to the Reichstag on Friday week. It is known that he has been in touch with Signor Mussolini and it is claimed that *Il Duce* in collaboration with Marshal Goering has drawn up an answer that will reject President Roosevelt's intervention.

Marshal Goering is on an official visit to Italy where he has been in close talks with Count Ciano and has inspected in detail Italian air transport which was used extensively in the invasion of Albania.

London, Apr. 17.

Even if President Roosevelt's challenging gesture fails to evoke a favourable response from Berlin and Rome, it will still be eminently worth while, is the consensus of opinion of English Press commentators.

Reports of perturbation at Munich are cited as an indication that the flat rejection of the proposals is by no means certain.

Negotiations for fresh adherents to the collective defence system of Europe, which diplomats declare is making speedy headway in several previously unmentioned quarters of the Balkans and Baltic States, should thrive in the new atmosphere created by President Roosevelt it is held.

The *Daily Telegraph* says that whether the appeal meets with a favourable response or not it cannot fail to exercise a palpable influence on the course of events. "If President Roosevelt is not able to do more to save the world from the catastrophe which he sees imminent, he will still have rendered an inestimable service to civilisation by focussing world opinion on the dire realities at the foundation of the peril, states the newspaper.—*Reuter.*

Situation Transformed

London, Apr. 17.

The *News Chronicle* states that by again playing the right role in international affairs, the United States has immediately transformed the situation. "After this message, nothing can be the same again; the outlook must either improve or rapidly deteriorate," states the newspaper.

The *Daily Herald* remarks that the message fills every English family with an admiration and gratitude towards President Roosevelt as intimate as if he were their own national leader. Something begins to exist which did not exist a few months ago; namely a great alliance against aggression. It would be a woeful mistake for the Dictators to under-estimate the strength of the defensive combination that has been raised in their path, for it would crush them. The message means that if the Dictators force a war on the world, the long list of those who would resist them, includes the United States.

The *Manchester Guardian* thinks President Roosevelt is unlikely to suppose that his proposals would be accepted but there is always the chance that the barrier we are constructing might by its general strength, restrain the dictatorships from war."—*Reuter.*

Times Comment

London, Apr. 17.

The supreme question for the German and Italian people is whether they have the power to impress on their rulers a sense of what they themselves desire as passionately as their fellowmen of other countries, says *The Times*.

Step by step the difficult process of a wise British policy, which never excluded the chances of peaceful discussion but determined to be strong enough to secure it, has gone steadily forward recently. It has reached a point to-day at which we may claim, with President Roosevelt, that when we speak for peace it is not through fear or weakness.

The momentous commitments undertaken in Europe in the last few weeks have been accepted with a full sense of all they involve, but without murmur or dissent. It is not unreasonable to think that they have already provided a momentary relaxation of tension which gave Mr. Roosevelt his opportunity.

It is certain that the qualities to which American opinion will always respond are strength and courage, and that the respect due to these qualities is reciprocal. Everyone here will endorse the welcome which the British Government extended so promptly to the President's statesmanlike initiative, the paper concludes.

The *Daily Mail* considers that nothing would defeat the President's purpose more than to act as if the replies are bound to be favourable. The appeal may give the dictators a pause, but it is unlikely to make them abandon power-politics, and nothing but the armed might of the democracies will do that.—*Reuter.*

A Second Appeal

London, Apr. 17.

The diplomatic correspondents of this morning's press take it for granted that the German and Italian replies will be of a negative character, but some quarters apparently are inclined to take a more optimistic view.

American quarters here believe that Mr. Roosevelt will, even, in the event of an unfavourable reception of his proposals, take another step in the same direction and launch another urgent appeal suggesting a "truce" of 10 or 25 years.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Diplomatic Calls

London, Apr. 17.

The French and Soviet Ambassadors called at the Foreign Office to-day, while the British Ambassador again saw M. Litvinoff in Moscow. The Soviet Ambassador in Paris will call on the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, to-day.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

CANADA PLEASED

Ottawa, Apr. 17.

Mr. Mackenzie King welcomes the "timely action of President Roosevelt, who offers a peace conference before war instead of after it." In a statement transmitted to Washington he declared that no country could lightly reject the opportunity for saving civilisation by saving itself.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

STERLING STRONG

London, Apr. 17.

Sterling was very strong to-day. At the opening it was 4.68⅛, but selling drove it down quickly to 4.68⅛.—*United Press.*

Italian Attitude Changes

Rome, Apr. 17.

"The Fascist reply can only be a vigorous and final 'No'", declares the *Popolo di Roma*, commenting on President Roosevelt's appeal.

The Government inspired statements and articles in the noon newspapers are all very hostile, reflecting the sharp change in political circles, which at first were inclined to be favourable to the President's appeal.

President Roosevelt's message must be considered as an act of war, says the *Messagero* in an editorial, and strongly objects to President Roosevelt's assumption that Italy and Germany are likely aggressors.

The paper says that such an assumption is so insolent that it takes from the document any value it might have had.

The paper declares that the reply of Rome will be "what it ought to be, in full agreement with Berlin."—*Reuter.*

Italians' Scorn

London, Apr. 17.

Britain, France, and Russia, and all the Latin-American States have given their approval to Mr. Roosevelt's appeal. The German Press remains hostile and scornful, while *Popolo d'Roma* declares that Mr. Roosevelt's appeal was made in order to strengthen his chances of retaining the Presidency. It adds: "Mr. Roosevelt, in order to fix the seat of his pants in the Presidential chair, places in the wrong the leaders of two great nations."—*Reuter Bulletin.*

State Department Busy

Washington, Apr. 17.

As a result of the European crisis the State Department has been placed in what is virtually a 24-hour day.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, spent most of yesterday at his desk, relaying news to the President.—*Reuter Special.*

JAPAN SENTIMENT

Tokyo, Apr. 17.

The Japanese Press states that Mr. Roosevelt's appeal was inspired by Britain and should be ignored by Berlin and Rome, as it did not represent the opinion of the American people.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Cable Warfare

Tokyo, Apr. 17.

"Cable warfare" is the description given to President Roosevelt's message by the *Kokumin*.

The paper says that the world situation is not likely to be affected substantially thereby.

The *Nichi Nichi Shimbun* expresses the fervent hope that the Pacific will remain peaceful for ever, with Japan and the United States prospering mutually, each playing a role in the maintenance of world peace.—*Reuter.*

REICHSTAG TO HEAR ANNOUNCEMENT

Berlin, Apr. 17.

An official announcement declares: "The American President addressed a telegram to Herr Hitler asking his attitude on certain matters, which are so important that the Fuehrer decided to give his reply in the name of the German people in the Reichstag."

The step taken by the Fuehrer was unexpected. After conferring at the week-end with Herr Ribbentrop Herr Hitler began a tour of Austria as Supreme Commander of the German Forces. The purpose of the tour is stated to be inspection of the training of younger recruits in the new Austrian army.

Herr Ribbentrop returned to Berlin from Munich to-day and Herr Goering, who has been in Rome for conversations with the Italian Government, is expected to leave Rome to-night.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Hitler to Reply

Berlin, Apr. 17.

Chancellor Hitler has called a meeting of the Reichstag for April 28 to hear the reply to President Roosevelt.—*Reuter.*

HITLER VISITS AUSTRIA

Munich, Apr. 17.

Herr Hitler accompanied by Herr Otto Dietrich, Reich Press Chief, went to Austria last night by a special train for a tour of inspection of the principal towns.

Political circles declare that the visit has been planned for some time although it was generally thought that the Fuehrer was going to Berlin immediately.—*Reuter.*

Ambassador In Yunnan

Kunming, Apr. 17.

In an interview with pressmen yesterday, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador to China, who arrived here from Shanghai on Saturday, denied that he had any special mission on his present trip to Chungking.

Sir Archibald will proceed to Chungking on Tuesday.—*Central News.*

Shanghai Assassination

Shanghai, Apr. 17.

Chao Kao-tung, 43, circulation manager of the American-owned Chinese evening paper *Tamei Wan Pao*, was shot dead in a Settlement road this evening by three Chinese, who escaped in a motor car.

One woman pedestrian was wounded by one of the bullets.

A political motive is believed to be behind the outrage.—*Reuter.*

CHAO KUNG CRITICISES AMERICA

Shanghai, Apr. 17.

Ignatius Timotheus Trebitsch-Lincoln, Hungarian Jew who became a Pastor in the Church of England, a Member of Parliament, a German spy and finally a Buddhist Monk known as Abbot Chao Kung, has sent an open letter to President Roosevelt as follows:

"You can fool some of the people all the time, and can fool all of the people some of the time, and—in this Jazz age—you can fool all of the people all of the time, but you cannot fool destiny.

"You are not a peace maker, but a war monger. Your circular telegram to Hitler and Mussolini, and your speech, moves you and your country from third into second place in the scale of those responsible for the present plight of the human race.

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"This is not a subject for negotiation. Not at all. Those who made the Versailles treaties must unmake them. Those who robbed, must restitute. Those who have taken away, must return. Those who enthroned lies, must acknowledge them and substitute the truth. Those who prescribe for others, must practise what they preach.

"You and your country have a unique opportunity to preserve peace. You could have done it had you been strictly just and impartial, but you sided with those who caused directly or indirectly all the major wars of the past 300 years. But the time to speak has passed."

Abbot Chao Kung has sent a copy of his letter to the American Consulate at Shanghai.—*United Press.*

China War

JAPANESE LOSSES IN APRIL

Chungking, Apr. 17.

The total Japanese loss in manpower on all fronts during the first half month of April was estimated by the Chinese military headquarters here at 22,199 officers and men killed and 556 others captured.

The material losses of the Japanese expeditionary force in China during the same period include 399 war horses, 557 rifles and mausers 42 machine and sub-machine guns, four field guns, 75 tanks and armoured cars, and upwards of 10,000 rounds of cartridge.

The Japanese losses, it is revealed, were suffered during the 323 engagements which they had with the defence forces during the period.

The Japanese suffered their heaviest loss in man-power on the Kiangsi front. In a total of fifty engagements they lost 8,122 officers and men, 30 horses, 23 rifles, and 22 tanks and armoured cars.—*Central News.*

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Tornado Takes Huge Toll Of Life

Collins, Arkansas, Apr. 17.

At least sixteen have been killed by a tornado whose centre passed near here swooping through an area six miles long and making a clean sweep which left nothing behind for the community. The death roll may be higher.—*Reuter.*

Terrific Toll

Littlerock, Ark., Apr. 17.

Forty-five were killed in a violent tornadic storm sweeping over Texas, North-west Louisiana and Arkansas yesterday.

United Press correspondents in the stricken areas estimate 100 injured and reported severe damage.

The tornado first appeared over South Texas on Saturday night and blew itself out in South Arkansas last night near the Missouri line. The most frightful toll was in South Arkansas and North-west Louisiana.

It struck a church at the centre point of Arkansas, nine miles from Dermott, killing a pastor and 29 of his congregation, shortly after cutting a path through the town of Haynesville in Louisiana, killing eight persons.—*United Press.*

CRUELTY TO FOWLS

Overcrowding in Baskets On Motor Lorry

A fine of $25 was imposed on Tse Ming, 25, a market coolie, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for cruelty to 85 chickens by overcrowding them in two baskets on a lorry in Queen's Road East near the Royal Naval Hospital.

Det.-Sgt. T. Cashman said the baskets were three feet in diameter by one foot nine inches in height. There were 41 chickens in one basket, and 44 in the other.

The defendant was on bail of $20.

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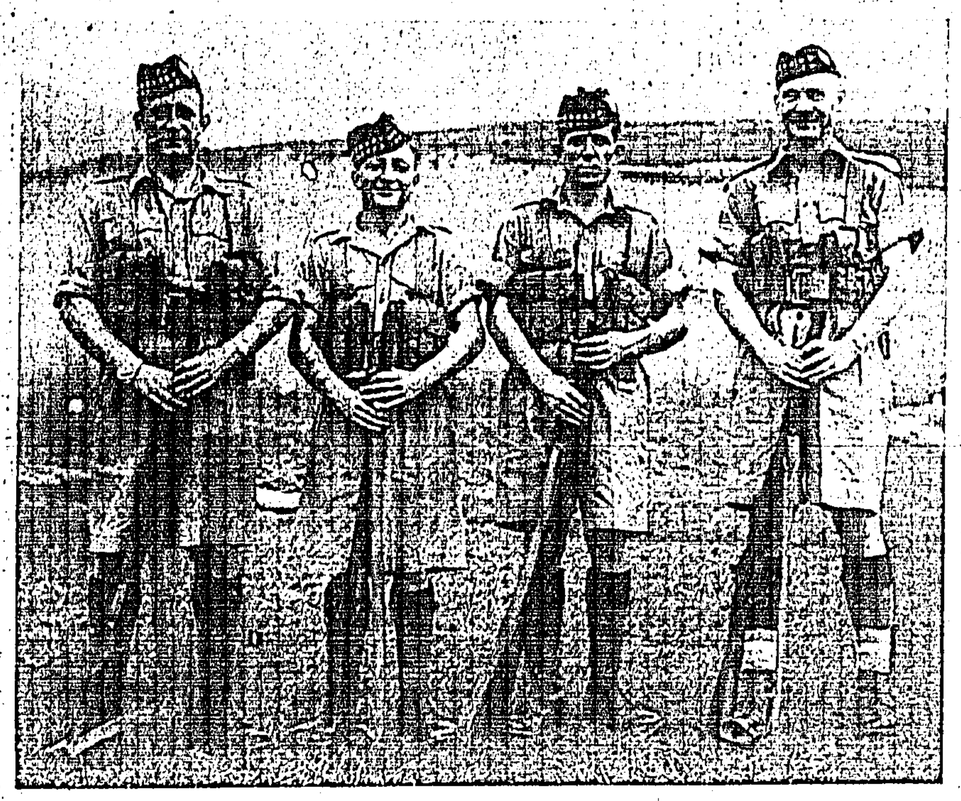

"Members of the "D" Company, Royal Scots, team which won the Falling Plate Competition last week in the "Bisley" meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association, held on the Army Ranges at Kowloon City.—*King's Studio.*

GOLF BALL CHANGE NOT DESIRED BY MAJORITY

"WHY MEDDLE WITH IT?"

London, March 22.

It is estimated that 1,000,000 people in this land play golf. That includes those who go out in 54 and then begin to lose their form. But whether they can play, or merely take exercise, all ranks of the golfing army are interested in the R. and A.'s cogitations on the proposed new ball.

The R. and A. have been poking and probing into this subject for years, but with a special committee appointed to consider making the game more difficult by introducing a lighter ball, it really looks as though business is meant this time.

Americans have been using a larger and lighter ball for a long time, but what's good for them might be thoroughly unpleasant for us, writes Geoffrey Simpson.

The more golfers one talks with on this subject, the more one is left thinking that a change in the ball is the most unwanted thing in golf. The usual reply is: "Why the blazes do they want to meddle with the game?"

Yet there seems a determination to make all our golf balls out of date and give us a fresh one that will spoil our temper.

TOO HARD ALREADY

The professionals and front-rank amateurs who beat records, with tournaments, and get their names in the papers can go their own sweet way.

They don't really matter. They are only a minority. For the rest of the hopeful million, golf is already too difficult, and any plan to make the game harder seems to them not only needless but crazy.

Moreover, they think it is bad policy to legislate for a minority, and the fact that a few people can drive a golf ball 300 yards is no reason to compel the rest of the week-enders to use a ball that will not travel so far.

The success of the lighter ball in America proves nothing. Look at the summer they get there, the hard, dry courses, the more favourable golfing climate!

There the ball runs more freely, as some of those fine-weather golfers discover when they pay us a visit and try our courses.

NOT LIKE U.S.

Put an American new to England on one of our seaside courses in a blustering wind and chilly temperature and he says, ruefully, "I've never known anything like this." Even the great Bobby Jones once took 88 at Sandwich. He was wearing three sweaters!

Take an average year, and I doubt whether we get more than three months of first-class golfing weather, when the air is dry and the ball travels well, and the greens are hard and fast.

Even then a club amateur who slams a ball for 250 yards thinks it is an occasion for drinks all round.

As for the present weather, look what the professionals have been doing in the *Daily Mail* tournament lately. There has been nothing wonderful about their scoring and few long drives.

Charles Whitcombe was given an honourable mention last week when at a 270-yards hole he drove to within a yard of the flag in perfect conditions.

What the R. and A.'s committee should do is to tour the clubs to see what the ordinary business man golfer is doing with the present ball. He's the fellow who counts.

I am sure the evidence they would collect would deter them from pressing for a more difficult golf ball. Most golfers think it is time the subject was dropped.

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BASEBALL SEASON COMMENCES

New York, Apr. 17.

The American Baseball season of 1939 has started.

To-day in the National League Pittsburgh Pirates defeated Cincinnati Reds by seven runs to five. The Pirates tallied 15 safe hits against the Reds' 10, but chalked up two errors in the field against the Reds' one.

The other scheduled match, between the New York Yankees and the Washington Senators in the American League, was postponed owing to rain.—*Reuter.*

HUNDRED YEARS OLD

New York, Apr. 17.

American organised baseball became 100 years old to-day when the 1939 season commenced.

Tight races for the pennants are in prospect in both Leagues, which will probably set an attendance record.

The Yankees are favoured to win the American League, and the Chicago Cubs the National circuit.—*United Press.*

Player Hurt In First Match

New York, Apr. 17.

Owing to the postponement of the match between the New York Yankees and the Washington Senators owing to rain, President Roosevelt must wait until Friday before throwing the first ball.

Billy Myers, the Cincinnati Reds' short-stop was hurt in the opening match of the season whilst playing against the Pirates. In the third inning, he was running to first base when he was struck on the head by a ball thrown by Brubaker, the Pirates' third-baseman.

Myers was carried from the field, suffering possibly from concussion.

The Pirates "showered" Van Der Meer with two runs in the second, and again "showered" Walters with four in the eighth in which eight batters went to the mound.—*United Press.*

England To Play India To-morrow

The semi-final match in the International Hockey Tournament between England and India will be played to-morrow on the Navy ground at 5.15 p.m.

The final will be decided on Sunday.

SATISFACTORY ENTRIES FOR THE 1939 TENNIS LEAGUE

TOTAL OF 43 TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE

Satisfactory entries have been received for the Hongkong Tennis League during the 1939 campaign, a total of 43 teams having been sent in by the various clubs in the Colony.

Seven teams have been entered for the "A" Division, nine for the "B", seven for the "C", 13 for the "D" and seven for the Mixed Doubles.

A feature of the entries is the number of teams entered for the "D" Division, which is likely to be congested unless some arrangement is made by the League whereby some of the stronger teams can be persuaded to take part in the "C" section.

It is pleasing to note that the Hongkong University are once again taking part in the "A" Division of the League. The undergraduates have been undergoing a lean period in sport, but indications now are not lacking that they will once more take their rightful place among the leading clubs of the Colony.

TEAM STRENGTHENED

This season they will have the services of Lim Thiam-tet, the Perak champion, who should aid them considerably to hold their own amongst the senior teams.

The Indian R.C., for the first time in many years, are not participating in the "B" Division this season. It is a wise move in view of their weakness last year when they were soundly trounced in most of their engagements. They have, however, put in two teams in the "D" Division instead of one as formerly.

In the Mixed Doubles, seven teams will participate in the League—a very satisfactory state of affairs indeed.

THE ENTRIES

The following are the entries:

"A" DIVISION

Club de Recreio, Chinese Recreation Club, Hongkong Cricket Club, Hongkong University Tennis Union, Indian Recreation Club, Kowloon Cricket Club and South China Athletic Association.

"B" DIVISION

Club de Recreio, Craigengower Cricket Club, Civil Service Cricket Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club, Kowloon Cricket Club (2), Kowloon Indians Tennis Club and South China Athletic Association.

"C" DIVISION

Club de Recreio, Craigengower Cricket Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Indian Recreation Club, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association, Radio and Postal Club and South China Athletic Association.

"D" DIVISION

Club de Recreio, Central British Association, Civil Service Cricket Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Indian Recreation Club (2), Kowloon Cricket Club, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association, Kowloon Indians Tennis Club, Radio and Postal Club, South China Athletic Association, Kowloon Docks Recreation Club and Young Men's Christain Association.

MIXED DOUBLES

Club de Recreio, Chinese Recreation Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club, Kowloon Cricket Club (2), Ladies Recreation Club and United Services Recreation Club.

Conditions For English Golf Tourney

Golfers who wish to enter for the English Native Amateur Championship—accounts of the play in this year's event at Birkdale Golf Course, Southport, are to be broadcast from Daventry—must satisfy two conditions before their entry forms can be accepted: they must be British subjects, and though they are admitted if they have played for England in an international match, they must not have done so for Scotland, Ireland, or Wales. In addition, no player with a handicap higher than three may compete. J. J. Pennink has been the champion in the last two years.

One of Lancashire's many charming courses, Birkdale, the scene of this year's match, provides an exacting test of golfing ability. The professional record for the course—seventy—is held by A. Padgham; the amateur record—seventy-two—by J. R. Smith. Bogey is seventy-six.

Transmission 2, April 28, 12.30 p.m. G.M.T.
Transmission 3, April 28, 3.45 p.m. G.M.T. and April 29, 3.45 p.m. G.M.T.

John Henry Lewis For London

London, Apr. 17.

It is announced in London that John Henry Lewis is sailing from New York on Thursday to defend the world light - heavyweight boxing championship against the British champion, Len Harvey.

The fight will take place in London sometime in May.—*Reuter.*

Is Roper Likely To Last Distance?

Los Angeles, Apr. 17.

Joe Louis, the heavyweight boxing champion of the world, will meet Jack Roper in a title fight over ten rounds to-night.

If the fight lasts the full ten rounds, it will be interpreted as an indication that Louis is slipping.—*United Press.*

Calls-Over Announced For Races

London, Apr. 17.

The following is the latest call-over for the City and Suburban Stakes:

9/2	Pigskin (o), 5/1 (t)
13/2	Taran (o)
7/1	Mormond Hill (o), 15/2 (t)
7/1	Halcyon Gift (o)
7/1	Unbreakable (o)
10/1	Agincourt (o)
100/9	Bistoli (o)
100/8	Rodeo (o)
100/8	Esquemeling (o)
100/7	High Rank (o)
100/7	Oyen (o)
100/6	Portefeuille (o)
25/1	Croiseun (o)

—*Reuter.*

DERBY CALL-OVER

London, Apr. 17.

The following is the latest call-over for the Derby:

10/2	Fox Cub (o), 10/1 (t)
10/1	Signal Light (o), 100/9 (t)
100/9	Blue Peter (t. and o.)
100/6	Dhoti (o)
20/1	Foxbrough (o), 22/1 (t)
40/1	Triguero (o)

—*Reuter.*

Home Football

WEDNESDAY HELD TO A DRAW

London, Apr. 17.

Sheffield Wednesday's bid to regain First Division status in the English Football League received another partial setback to-day when, following their drawn match against Notts Forest on Saturday, they were held to another draw by Fulham. This time Wednesday played away.

At the moment, Wednesday are a point ahead of Luton and are in second position to Blackburn Rovers, but they have played one match more than Luton.

The following are the results of matches played in the League to-day:

SECOND DIVISION

Fulham	2	Wednesday	2

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Bristol R.	1	Crystal Pal.	2
Cardiff	4	Notts County	1
Clapton O.	3	Torquay	1

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Hull	2	Southport	1
Oldham	3	Stockport	1

—*Reuter.*

Tennis

Interesting Quarter-Final Match To-day

One of the best matches in the tournament is down for decision to-day when S. A. Rumjahn meets Lim Thiam-tet in the quarter-finals of the Colony Tennis singles championship on the stand court at the Hongkong C.C.

The Perak champion has already disposed of some useful local exponents, amongst them E. C. Fincher, and may be expected to give another good display to-day. Unfortunately for him, however, he was indisposed last week, and may have not recovered fully to give of his best to-day. He will need to be on top of his form if he is to beat Sirdar, who is one of the most tenacious players in the Colony and who never considers himself beaten until the last point has been lost.

CLEVER DISPLAY GIVEN BY SPIDER KELLY

By Fred Dartnell

London, Mar. 21.

"Spider" Kelly, British feather-weight champion, made his first London appearance at the N.S.C. tournament, Earl's Court, last night, when he outpointed Billy Charlton (Gateshead) over eight rounds.

Kelly, who won the British and Empire Feather-weight Championships by beating Benny Caplan, treated the crowd to some fast fighting, in which he outpointed the north-countryman with his swift footwork and clever two-handed punching.

Charlton usually forces the fight against his opponent, but he found much difficulty in catching the elusive Kelly.

It was fine, clean boxing and the crowd applauded now and then some spirited rallies.

KELLY'S SPEED

Charlton never gave up trying, although Kelly usually beat him to the punch with a left that flashed in and out like a rapier.

Speed was the chief characteristic of Kelly's display and with Charlton always doing something it was a most attractive contest of skill.

The seventh round caused the crowd to break into prolonged applause when both men waded in with some free hitting. Charlton got home one or two rights and Kelly kept closer than usual and rattled away with both hands.

The verdict in Kelly's favour was loudly cheered and never in doubt. His ringcraft was superb, but Charlton deserves great credit for making such a good fight of it.

In a very breezy bout Frank Parkes, the Midland feather-weight champion, outpointed Joe Connolly (Glasgow).

Parkes gave another of his tear-away, hustling displays against a nice compact little boxer with an attractive style. Connolly, one-time amateur champion of Scotland, naturally resorted a good deal to the straight left and he made Parkes miss quite frequently.

A CLEAR WINNER

With all his non-stop methods Parkes occasionally got in a very accurate straight left himself.

Parkes was a clear winner of a very good contest, and before the referee could signify his verdict in the usual way Parkes lifted his hand in the air to show his confidence that he had won.

Frank Hough (Battersea) outpointed Joe Quigley, the Irish cruiser-weight, who gained a decision over him recently.

Quigley is rather on the slow side, but bigger and stronger than Hough, who made good play in the early stages on the Irishman's stomach.

The referee cautioned the men for holding in the second round, Quigley replying resentfully, "It wasn't me."

The crowd could not complain of their entertainment. Hough forced his man to the ropes in the second round and handed out punishment to head and body, but Quigley caught him with a thumping right on the jaw and later in a wild flurry of hitting Quigley's eye was cut.

A LIVELY CONTEST

Johnny Ward, the lively Irish light-weight, drew with Tommy Hyams (King's Cross) in eight rounds. This was a terrific struggle between two men who battled away all the time with almost ferocious vigour.

In the third round Hyams fought with great fury, and with four rights in rapid succession he had Ward momentarily on the floor.

Hyams brought over a tremendous right cross in the fifth round and Ward went down for eight, and the bell probably saved him from a knock-out.

Both men were covered with blood, fighting their utmost. It was touch and go either way and the verdict of a draw was the fairest that could be given.

In four-round contests Johnny Lyons (Aldgate) outpointed Jack Crowley (Forest Gate) and Sonny Elvin (Dagenham) outpointed Tommy Morgan (Reading).

Rugger League Ties At Home

London, Apr. 17.

The following were the results of matches played in the Rugby League to-day:

Bramley	3	Featherstone	11
Hull Kingston	19	Keighley	3
Warrington	30	Leigh	0

—*Reuter.*

WATCHING THE SCORES.—H. Excellency the G.O.C. Major General A. E. Grasett (with back to camera), Major G. P. Murray (Hon. Secretary of the H.K. Rifle Association) and Brigadier J.T.W. Reeve (right), studying the scores on the Army Range during the "Bisley" meeting of the Association.—*King's Studio.*

REVIVAL OF INTERPORT POLO ENVISAGED

Singapore Army Team To Visit Manila For A Series Of Matches

Manila, Apr. 11.

A revival of Far Eastern interport polo competitions will be witnessed this month as plans of the Manila Polo Club will find crystallization in the acceptance by the Royal Artillery polo team from Changi, Singapore, of the Club's invitation to play a series of games here. The British polo squad is scheduled to arrive in Manila April 21 and will play a series of three matches at Forbes Field starting April 23.

It has long been the desire of the Manila Polo Club to foster a series of games between the Club teams and those representing other clubs in the Orient. It will be recalled that 15 or 20 years ago interport matches were held between the Manila Polo Club quartets and teams from Hongkong. The Royal Artillery four will be the first team ever sent to Manila from Singapore and may be the beginning of an enlarged interport competition.

The Singapore squad is composed of Major Phillips, Capt. Nicoll, Capt. Mitchell and Major Paterson, all 2-goal handicap players. They will be guests of the Manila Polo Club during their visit here.

The visitors will open their series here on Sunday April 23 against the Headquarters Philippine Department quartet. On April 26 they will tackle Jack Zobel's Calatagans and then they will conclude their series against the Manila Polo Club Yellows on April 30.

IN FINE FETTLE

The local teams have just concluded a series of tournament matches and are in fine fettle to take on the visitors. Between now and the coming series they will hold a series of warming-up matches at Forbes Field, which will be the scene of the interport series.

The revival of the interport polo matches will increase the popularity of the game which has gained tremendously in popularity in the past five or six years. Every season polo stars from abroad have come to Manila to participate in matches with local teams. The Los Tamaraos Club has been responsible for bringing a high goal team from Australia and one from California. The California team is still here.

The Army has also played a big role in providing competition in polo here. During the incumbency of General Frank Parker, former commanding general of the Philippine Department, some of the Army's outstanding polo players were brought here and competed in local tournaments.

The visit of the Singapore quartet may be the beginning of an annual Far Eastern polo championship in which Manila, Hongkong, Shanghai, Singapore, Australia and, possibly, India may vie for honours.

UNDER BID and Kilstar leading the Grand National field after clearing the water jump.

Rain Fails To Dampen Competitors' Spirits At "Bisley" Meeting

Continuous rain inconvenienced but in no way dampened the spirits of competitors who attended the fifth day of the Hongkong Rifle Association's 1939 Bisley Meeting held at the Kowloon City Rifle ranges yesterday.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote did not visit the ranges in the afternoon as he had intended.

Bad weather in the past few days has prevented many of the events being competed, and as a result the prize distribution which was to have taken place yesterday has been postponed to May 14.

In spite of the rain competitors were on the ranges by 9 a.m. yesterday to watch and participate in the first event. There was good light but wind, described by the majority of the shooters as "tricky," slightly hampered the accuracy of some of the competitors.

The dismal weather did nothing to prevent keen and close competition and the standard of shooting was very good.

All the competitions which have been held over will be fired off on May 14.

Following are the results of Sunday's and yesterday's meetings:

The 'First Stage Aggregate'.—1, Cadet Carey (H.K.N.V.F.), 2/Lt. Dawson (1/Middlesex), and P.O. Swan (R.N.), all 98, (to be shot off); 4, Sgt. Heap (R.N.R.S.) 97; 5, S/Lt. Morahan (H.K.N.V.F.) 96; 6, Austin (D.R.C.) 96; 7, E.R.A. Templeton (R.N.) 96; 8, L/C. Langford (1/Middlesex) 95; 9, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) 95; 10, Lt. Otmy (R.E.) 94; 11, P.O. Clarke (R.N.) 94; 12, Sgt. Gowans (H.K.P.) 94.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Sub-Inspector Chan (H.K.P.R.) 94; L/Sgt. Nunn (R.E.) 94; Boutlton (D.R.C.) 94; Lt. Le Selleur (R.E.) 93; Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.) 93.

(a) Clay-Bird Daily Competition, (Open Singles).—1, Lt. R. Ashly (H.K.N.V.F.) 30 Birds Single Rise; 2, Capt. Hyde (Manchester Regiment) 30 Birds Single Rise.

(b) Handicap Singles.—1, Lt. Bateman (H.K.N.V.F.); 2, Capt. Newton (Middlesex).

(c) Doubles.—1, Lieut. Ashly (H.K.N.V.F.); 2, Capt. R. Hyde (Manchester Regiment).

Bagshot Competitions, Class X (S.R.a)—1, Gilman (D.R.C.); 2, Sgt. Steer (R.S.), (after shoot off); 3, Cpl. Maghan Singh, (H.K.P.) 28.

Consolation Prizes (3).—Pte. Harman (H.K.V.D.C.) 28; Col. Morris (R.S.) 28, Pte. Scott (R.S.) 27; Cpl. Naran Singh (H.K.P.) 27.

Bagshot Competition, Class X (S.R.b).—1, 2/Lt. Dawson (1/Middlesex) 17; 2, P.O. Clarke (R.N.) 16; 3, Cadet Carey (N.V.F.) 16; 4, Austin (D.R.C.) 32; 5, Lt. Le Selleur (R.S.) 32; 6 S/Lt. Morahan (N.V.F.) and Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.) 32.

Consolation Sweepstake.—Sgt. Chau (H.K.P.), C.S.M. Maslem (R.E.), Sgt. Rushman (N.R.S.), Sgt. Bateman (N.V.F.), Sgt. Cooper (1/Middlesex), Sgt. Perkins (H.K.P.), all 31.

Bagshot Competition

Bagshot Competition, Class M. (S.R.a).—1, Sgt. Green; 2, E.R.A. Shoreland (R.N.), (after shoot off); 3, Lieut. Rowe (R.N.) 29; 4, L/Cpl. Ewens (R.A.O.C.) 28; 5, Pte. Rymer (1/Middlesex) 27; 6, Lieut. Russell (R.E.) 26; 7, A.C.I. Gash (R.A.F.) 26.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—L/C. Hitchcock (R.S.), Cpl. Brown (R.S.) and A.B. Lawson (R.N.) all 25; Bdm. Sharrock (R.S.) and C.S.M. Stanford (R.S.) both 24.

Bagshot Competition, Class M. (S.R.b).—1, Lt. Otway (R.E.) 33; 2, Sgt. Gownas (H.K.P.) 32; 3, L/Sea Martingale (R.N.) 32.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Major Syme (2/R. Scots), Sgt/Instr. Ritchie (H.K.P.), and P.S.M. Milne (2/R. Scots) all 31.

Sibeira Competition

The Sibeira Competition, Class M. (S. R. a).—1, Lt. Russell, (R.E.) 42; 2, Lt. Rowe (R.N.) 40; 3, Sgt. Green (2/R.S.) 40; 4, Sgt. Sargent (H.K.P.) 40; 5, Spr. Allo (R E.) 37; 6, E.R.A. O'Shea (R.N.) 37; 7. Cpl. Freemand (2/R.S.) 36.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—L/Sto. Smith (R.N.), and Bdms Shanock (2/R.S.), both 35; E.R.A. Shorland (R.N.) 34; L/C Hitchcock (2/R.S.) 33; Spr. Rumery (R.E.) 33.

Sibeira Competition, Class X (S.R. a).—1, Capt. Carless (R.N.S.) and Spr. Albone (R.E.), both 40 (to be shot off); 3, F/Sgt. Tollison (R.A.F.) 39.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Bdms. Geary (1/Middlesex), Pte. Scott (2/R.S.) and Sgt. Pan (H.K.P.R.), all 38.

The Sibeira Competition, Class M. (S.R. b).—1, Lt. Otway (R.E.) 46; 2, Major Syme (2/R.S.) 45; 3, E.R.A. Classey (R.N.) 45.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—P/Sgt. Wong (H.K.P.R.) 44; P/Sgt. Hoo (H.K.P.R.) 43.

The Sibeira Competition, Class X (S.R. b).—1, E. R. A. Keiller (R.N.) 2, P.O. Swan (N.R.S.) 45, 3, E.R.A. Stephens (N.R.S.) 45; 4, C.P.O. Davey (R.N.) 45; C/Sgt. Hale (1/Middlesex), 45; 6, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) 44; 7, Sub/Lt. Bateman (H.K.N.V.F.) 44.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Sgt. Pennell (H.K.P.) P/Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.), Sgt. Chan (H.K.P.R.), and L/C. Henderson (2/R.S.), all 44; Lt. Holmes (H.K.V.D.C.) and Sgt. Chan (H.K.P.R.) bdth 43.

"H.E. The Governor's Cup" (S.R. a. b. Final 20).—1, P.O. Swan (N.R.S.) 234; 2. E.R.A. Keiller (R.N.) 232; 3, P/Sgt. Thong (H.K. P.R.) 232; 4, Lt. Otway (R.E.) 231; 5, Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.) 229; 6, E.R.A. Templeton (R.N.) 228; 7, Austin (D.R.C.) 227; 8, 2/Lt. Dawson (1/Middlesex) 227; 9, Lt. Le Selleur (R.E.) 227; 10, Sgt. Heap (N.R.S.) 227; 11, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) 226; 12, Sub-Inspector Chau (H.K.P.R.) 226; 13, Cadet Carey (H.K.N.V.F.) 225; 14, Cpl. Cole (N.R.S.) 225; 15, Sgt. Gowans (H.K.P.) 224; 16, Sgt. Cooper (1/Middlesex) 224; 17, P/Sgt. Chan (H.K.P.R.) 224; 18, C.S.M. Haslem (R.E.) 224; S/Lt. Bateman (H.K.N.V.), C/Sgt. Hale (1/Middlesex), L/C. Langford (1/Middlesex) and E.R.A. Stephens (R.N.), all 223 (to shoot off for the last two places).

Team Revolver Match.—1, Hongkong Police "A" Team, represented by Insp. Hopkins 34, Cpl. Charan Singh 32, Cpl. Mughar Singh 32, Sgt. Perkins 28, Sgt. Gowans 27, and Sub-Inspector Ritchie 21. Total 174; 2, Hongkong Police Reserve, represented by L/Sgt. Hoo 33, P/Sgt. Wong 30, P/Sgt. Chan 28, S/Insp. Chau 26, P/Sgt. Thong 25, Insp. Lole 22. Total: 164.

"The R.E. Officers' Cup".—1, Lt. Russell (R.E.) 254.

Revolver Shooting

The Individual Revolver Competition.—1, L/Sgt. Tansley (Ex H.K.P.R.) 35; 3, P.C. Charan Singh (H.K.P.) 33; 3, Sgt. Rushman (R.M.) 33.

Association Medallists (S.R. a. b.).—1, Cadet Carey (H.K.N.V.F.) 33.

China Fleet Challenge Cup.—1, Naval Range Staff, Stonecutters, 469.

Allcomers Aggregate.—1, P.O. Swan (N.R.S.) 248; 2, E.A. Gilpin (4 S.M.) 246; 3, Capt. Guscott (1/Middlesex) 246; 4, Sgt. Russell (N.R.S.) 245; 5, P/Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.) 244; 6, Lieut. Le Selleur (R.E.) 244; 7, E.R.A. Keiller (R.N.) 243; 8, Lieut. Otway, (R.E.) 242; 9, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) 242; 10, Austin (D.R.C.) 241; 11, Sgt. Gowans (H.K.P.) 240; 12, Sgt. Heap (N.R.S.) 240.

Second Stage Aggregate.—1, E.R.A. Keiller (4 S.M.) and P/Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.), both 139 (to be shot off); 3, Lieut. Otway (R.E.) 137; 4, Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.) 137; 5, P.O. Swan (N.R.S.) 136; 6, C.P.O. Davey (4 S.M.) 136; 7, S.R.A. Classey (4 S.M.) 136; 8, Capt. Guscott (1/Middlesex) 134; 9, Lt. Le Selleur (R.E.) 134; 10, C/Sgt. Hale (1/Middlesex) 133; 11, P/Sgt. Chan (H.K.P.R.) 132; 12, S/Insp. Chau (H.K.P.R.) 132.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—C.S.M. Maslem (R.E.) 132; E.R.A. Stephens (4 S.M.) Sgt. Pennell (H.K.P.) S/Lt. Bateman (N.V.F.) and Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) all 131.

The Council Cup.—1, P.C. Charan Singh (H.K.P.) 33; 2, Sgt. Pennell (H.K.P.) 32; 3, Surg-/Lt. Mackie (H.K.N.V.F.) 31; 4, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) 31; 5, E.R.A. Gilpin (R.N.) 31; 6, Sgt. Cooper (1/Middlesex) 31; 7, Sgt. Perkins (H.K.P.) 31.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Major Syme (2/R.S.), C/Sgt. Hale (1/Middlesex) and Sgt. Heap (R.N.S.), all 31; P/Sgt. Wong (H.K.P.) 30; Comdr. Hill (R.A.O.C.) 30; E.R.A. Keiller (R.N.) 29; Insp. Lole (H.K.P.R.) 29; Blake (D.R.C.) 29.

S.R. Championship.—1, C.S.M. Maslem (R.E.) 94; 2, Spr. Colebroke (R.E.) 93; 3, P.O. Swan (N.R.S.) 92; 4. Cpl. Cole (N.R.S.) 90; 5, Maj. White (2/R.S.) 86; 6, Cpl. Morris (2R.S.) 86; 7, L/C. Keiller (1/Middlesex) 83; 8, L/Sgt. Nunn (R.E.) 80; 9, L/Sgt. Jones (R.E.) 80; 10, L/Cpl. Bullen (2 R.S.) 70.

The Platoon Match.—1, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles, 268; 2, "C" Coy, 2nd Royal Scots.

LATE RESULTS

The Grand Aggregate was won by Petty Officer Swan, R.N. Range staff, Stonecutters; the Founder's Prize was won by E. R. A. Gilpin, 4th submarine Flotilla; The Long Range Aggregate was won by Bandmaster Kifford, Middlesex; the Association and Services Rifle Championship was won by C. S. M. Maslem; the S. R. A. Championship Aggregate was won by L/c. Tam, Hongkong Police Reserve; and the Steel Coulson Trophy by the Hongkong Police.

STARTING TIMES

The following are the starting times arranged by the Kowloon Golf Club for the Summer Cup competition, which will be played on Sunday:

9.00 a.m. W. C. Simpson and A. Eastman
9.04 a.m. W. Kershaw and A. E. Davies,
9.08 a.m. T. Lamb and W. Bastin,
9.12 a.m. F. A. Hill and A. A. Lopes,
9.16 a.m. F. C. Barry and G. Milne,
9.20 a.m. W. Ahern and E. D. da Roza,
9.24 a.m. B. Basto and A. T. Godfrey,
9.28 a.m. S. Jex and R. J. Wallace,
9.32 a.m. T. Henderson and M. L. da Roza,
9.36 a.m. E. O. Murphy and A. J. Dennis,
9.40 a.m. R. K. Collings and A. N. Other.

HEALTH BULLETIN

Small-Pox and Cholera In India

Three cases of Small-pox, one each of Diphtheria and Chicken-pox, two each of Typhoid and Dysentery, five each of Measles and Meningitis and 47 of Tuberculosis were reported for the 48 hours ended on Sunday.

Foreign Report

The Health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended April 8, shows the following infectious diseases:

Cholera.—Bassein 1 case; Calcutta 210 cases and Smud Prakar, (Siam) 7 cases.

Small-pox.—Jodhpur 8 deaths, Delhi City 36 cases, Bombay 14 cases, Calcutta 186 cases, Madras 39 cases, Rangoon 2 cases, Hanoi 1 case, Hongkong 9 cases and Shanghai 18 cases.

INDOOR BOWLING

Second Stage Of Third Round Of Ewo League

In a third round, second stage, Ewo League match played at the Hongkong Bowling Alleys yesterday, "Hongkong Wonders" beat the "Optimists" by 213 points. Scores:

"Hongkong Wonders"				
M. Talan	162	160	154	476
L. Gaddi	163	131	172	466
J. Landolt	146	147	147	442
A. Goldau	130	109	188	427
Total				1,811
"Optimists"				
S. A. Ismail	155	150	124	429
R. W. Manby	126	123	162	411
G. Chow	144	133	121	398
L. D. Skinner	105	131	124	360
Total				1,598

SPORT ADVTS

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MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. **Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.**

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at **12 NOON.**

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is **$1.00** including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
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Secretary.

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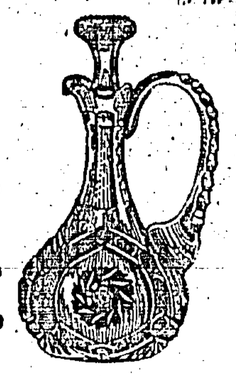

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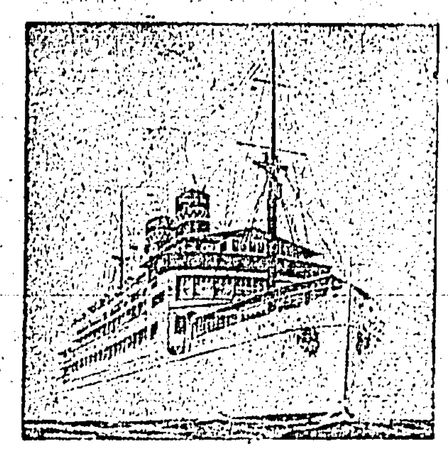

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Some Like Them High, Some Low

The waistline is more provocative in this season's fashions than it has been for many a day, because it varies so greatly. These dinner gowns, with the waistline from the high Empire to the low Mediaeval one just at the hips, shown in the two gowns at left, reveal how transient it really is.

The most popular waistline—the lower version—is shown above. Fuchsia and light blue are the two colours so strikingly used in this long sleeved dinner gown of silk and acetate. The low waistline dips down in a point to give a suggestion of back fullness to the skirt.

Gowns Fitted at Hipbone, Day Skirts Rise to Knee

NEW YORK—You might know that the waistline would not be permitted to stay put. The old struggle between the high and low waistline is on. Some like them high, some like them just where they are now which is where nature decided one's waistline, if any, should be.

The Directoire influence, or trend, is the latest excitement in quarters from which lovely evening dresses stem, but the raised waistline, although new and exciting, is not as general in its acceptance as the normal or the lowered line. Remember that the wide gypsy girdle is the current favourite and that the straight line dress, while good, is second best in any popularity contest.

Two Fabrics Are Best

Waistlines, at a recent fashion show wavered up the scale from their natural anchorage to form corselets accenting the entire midriff. Or they stayed where they belonged, but were cinched in energetically for the sake of the silhouette that diminishes the belt to increase the hipline, in the Gibson girl tradition. Neither is as new as the definitely shoved-down waistline, at present hovering in the vicinity of the hipbone.

Skirts have swirled and flared and billowed endlessly these past few years, but a different note crept in among a group of dresses, sponsored in the main by Schiaparelli, which were so tight and so straight, even in the daytime group, that they kept the mannikins teetering to remain erect. There was no hobble effect, merely an extreme brevity of yardage.

It must also be remembered that the costume which is fashioned of either two fabrics or two colours, sometimes both, leads, and that the waistline forms the great divide. Such being the case, the wise woman has them meet at the level which is kindest to her figure.

Skirts at 17 to 20 Inches

Sleeves remain short and on the full side at the shoulders. Skirts remain short or are shorter, according to the individual. From 17 to 20 inches from the floor, say most authorities, but there are lengths extreme and impossible for the average woman.

Considering the width and brevity of the average skirt and the width of the average shoulder, it stands to reason that waists will appear smaller.

Surprisingly enough, hats are a weeny bit bigger and considering their size are abundantly trimmed. The stove-pipe crown seems to be drawing well, but there are all sorts of funny crowns, as you know. Bonnets are an adventure into which the more daring plunge head first.

Rating high as an informed favourite in evening fashions at Palm Beach is the blouse and skirt costume. One of the most frequently seen versions of this fashion is a black knife-pleated chiffon skirt teamed with a long-sleeved white chiffon shirtwaist. Generally this shirt top is tailored, perhaps with stitched-down tucks at the shoulder releasing the soft blousy fullness through the bodice. Buttons may be self-covered or pearl. Occasionally some sort of sparkling belt is worn with this, less often a coloured sash.

Our "Coalie-Flower" Is Thriving

AS a horticulturist I have never been in the first rank, but I flatter myself that when it comes to raising a "coalieflower" my efforts are by no means contemptible.

Perhaps it is a little early to speak, of course. Ours is only two days old, and I have only fed it once; but it is already an object of considerable admiration, even by those visitors who say, "How pretty that pink stuff is in that glass bowl; but why do you have two lumps of coal among it?"

Quite possibly, you already know what a "coalie-flower" is; many of the households here seem to be cultivating at least one. Apart from the fact that it is no more a flower than my hat is, and that it bears only a superficial resemblance (as yet) to a cauliflower—an unusually gaudy cauliflower at that—the name is admirable. Had I invented it myself, I should have been more than pleased to hit on such a happy pun. That, however, is by the way. It is not the name that counts; it is the "coalie-flower."

I was only given the recipe recently and having at once rushed out and bought the necessary quantities of red ink, ammonia, and powder blue, I dashed back to the house and selected coal with great care. Normally, when I visit the coal bunker, which is outside the house, I hurry over the business of chucking lumps of coal into a bucket. The worse the weather, the more I hurry, and I never care a hoot about the appearance of the coal, or the size of the pieces, provided it is not obviously mere stone, and is not too big to get on to the fire.

A Connoisseur in the Cellar

On this occasion, however, cold though the weather was, I selected the coal like a connoisseur, visualising how it would look when it had acquired that singularly beautiful growth which I hoped it would acquire.

I spent some time in arranging the lumps of coal, in what seemed to me a decorative manner, in a glass dish originally intended for holding trifles and other confections.

Then, having mixed salt and water with the other ingredients, I poured the mixture over the coal. As I had been told to see that every piece of coal was thoroughly wet I had to disarrange the whole collection before I managed to get every piece soaked. In the end, however, I had built up about as pretty a little heap of wet pieces of coal as you ever saw in a glass trifle dish.

Watching it Grow

Then I put it in front of the fire, and my wife and I sat down on each side of the fireplace and gazed at it. Anyone coming in at that moment—anyone unaware of the "coalie-flower" cult—would at once have concluded that we were overdue for the nearest lunatic asylum, but that's a stage which everyone has to pass.

At the end of an hour and a half during which neither of us had been able to settle down to any other work, my wife suddenly became very excited, and pointed, speechless, at the "coalie-flower." Could it be a pink spot on one of the pieces of coal? Could it? Yes, it was! And that was the beginning of our "coalie-flower."

As I said before, we have only had it for two days. But there is a wonderful growth for those two tell-tale pieces of coal on top, which have not become infected yet.

We live, however, in hopes, for we have been told that patience is required—patience, and a fatherly conscientiousness about giving the "coalie-flower" its simple repast, every second day, of salt and water. To-day, with care, it may live for years. So what with the dog, and the gold-fish, and the "coalie-flower," the house is full of life these days.

The only question is, Will the coal burn when we have got tired of seeing it as a "coalie-flower"?

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

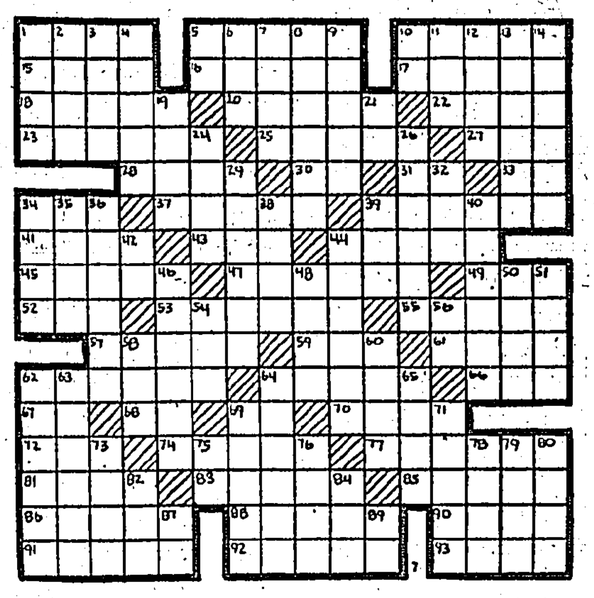
ACROSS

1—Combining form: eight
6—Body of assistants
10—Most highly prized part
15—Constituent of steel
16—One who measures by steps
17—African district
18—South winds in Chile
20—Picture of worshiped object among Indian tribes
22—Chicken house
23—Brings into vigorous action
25—Goes up
27—Eat supper
28—Melody
30—Silence!
31—Darling
33—Tellurium
34—Pitch
37—One of magnet's poles
38—Latin toast used by Germans
41—Baking chamber
43—International conflict
44—Having thin, sharp tone
45—Positively not
47—One of planets
48—Prefix: between
52—Suffix used after names of countries
53—Medicinal liquid injections
55—Not intoxicated
57—Mure mature
59—Employ
61—Cry of warning used in golf
62—Subordinate dish between courses of meal
64—Restrain within fixed limits
66—Solution used in making soap
67—Perform
68—Half an em
69—Dad
70—Hebrew month
72—Former Japanese statesman
74—Labors sedulously
77—Looks fixedly
81—Rubber wheel rim
82—Taste
85—Feeble
86—Sea
88—Post at end of stair-rail
90—Ireeling
91—Takes repose
92—Birds of given region
93—Exploit

DOWN

1—Department in France
2—Essential question
3—Solid of generation
4—Possessing inertia
5—Spain (abbr.)
6—Make race
7—Acidity of stomach
8—Object of blind affection
9—Of pleasing coolness
10—Metric unit of volume (abbr.)
11—Mythological bird
12—Man's name
13—Tropical rodent
14—Rag doll
15—Male heiress from astonishment
21—Myself
24—Collection of ice crystals
26—Warning signals
29—Deleting device
32—Affirmative gesture
35—Sound quantity
36—Salutations to Virgin
39—Turn back at toward former state
40—Sling vehicle
42—By means of
46—Emblem
49—Neon
50—Communist nation
51—Experience sorrow for sin with desire to amend
54—Stretched tight
56—Affected by fear
58—Woody plant
60—With maiden name of
63—From
65—Wrath
66—Finishes
67—Head of publication
68—Advertisement
69—One who heals with ointment
73—Makes an edging
75—Descendant of harpsichord
76—Ravished
78—Raw metal deposits
79—Bone
80—Planted
83—Get up
84—Bird of prey
87—Origin of plant life
89—Wear into
94—One thousandth of millrets
97—Nova Scotia (abbr.)
99—Left side (abbr.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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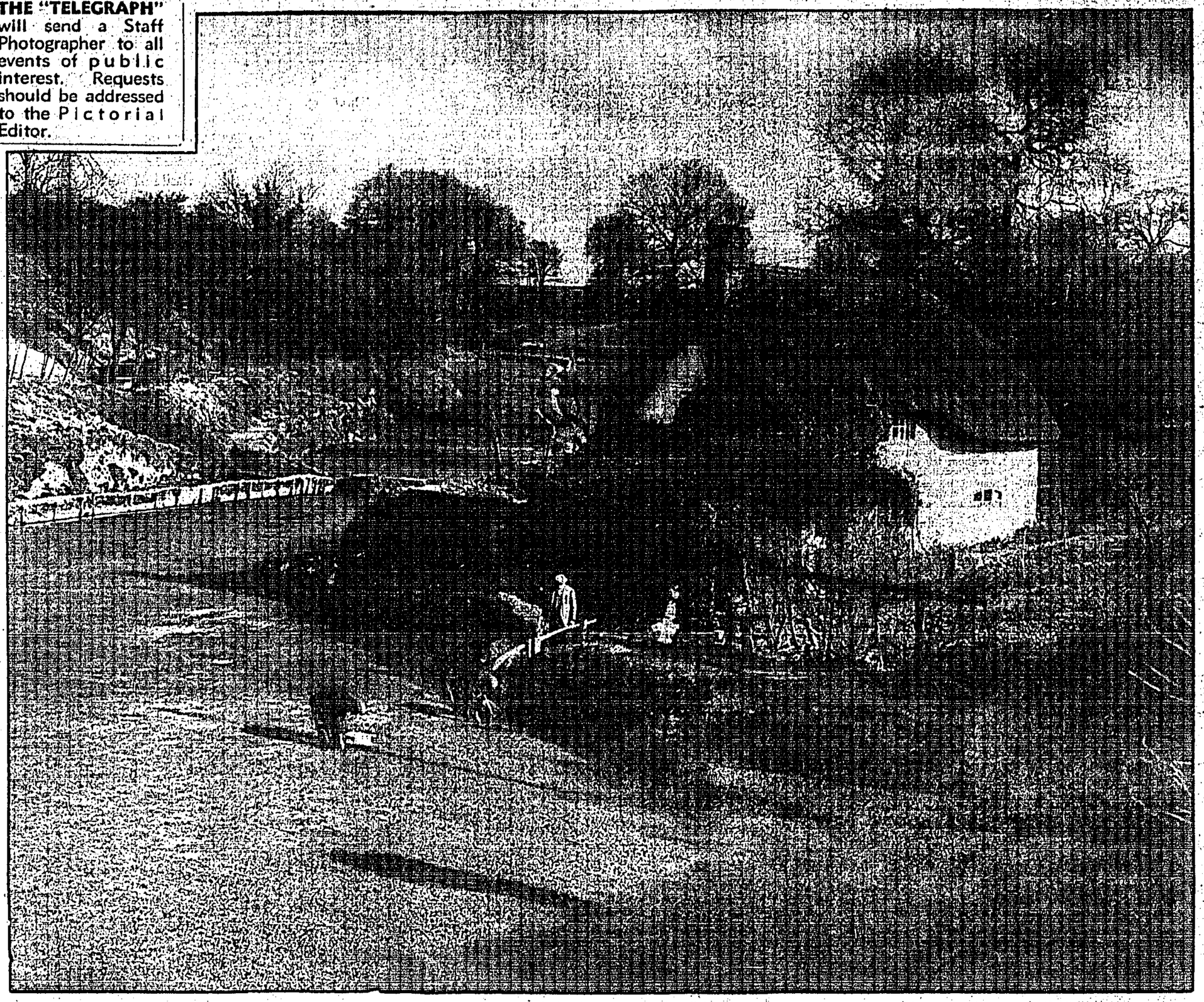

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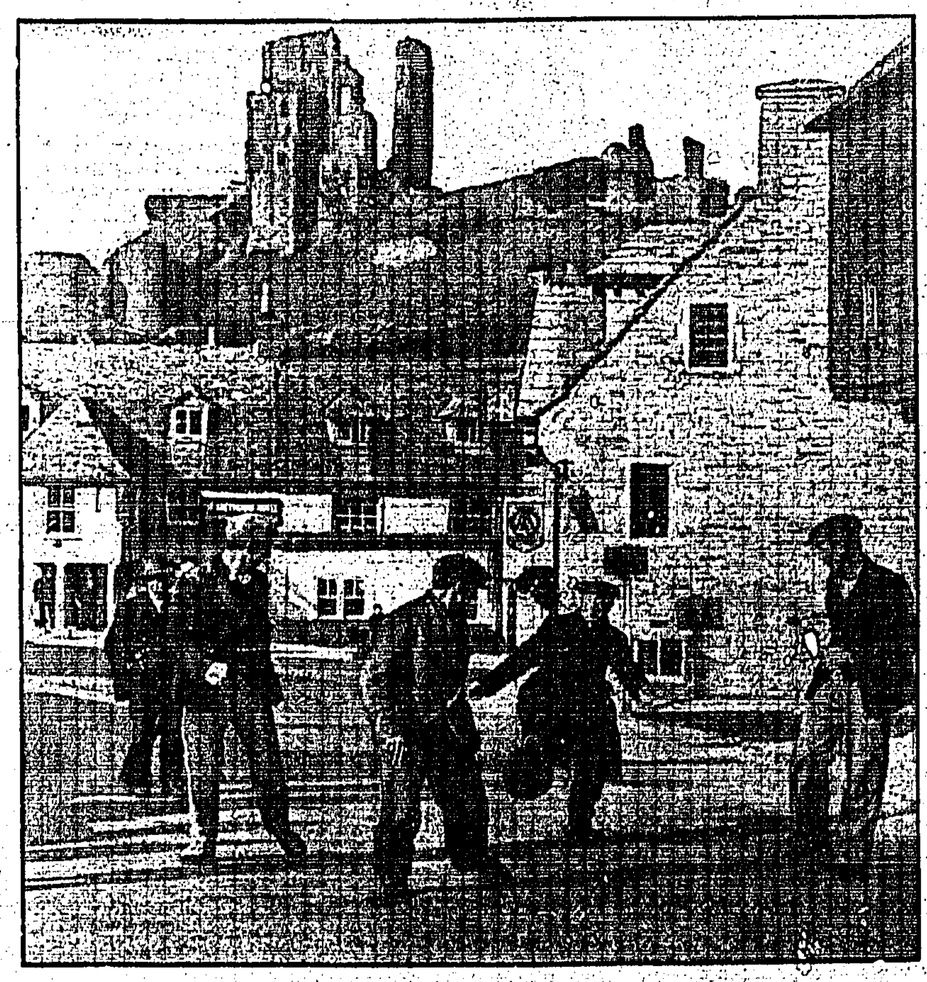

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France is the condition for her entering any world conference.

It is anticipated that President Roosevelt's telegram will become a dead letter here, and that no counter-proposals will be made.—*Reuter.*

Italo-German Talks

Rome, Apr. 17.

Field-Marshal Hermann Goering left for Berlin to-day after talks with Mussolini on President Roosevelt's message.

Italy's reply to the appeal is expected to be made simultaneously with Germany's.—Reuter.

World Opinion Behind U.S.

Washington, Apr. 17.

World public opinion for peace is "strongly developing" behind President Roosevelt's appeal to Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini, said Mr. Cordell Hull, in a statement to-day.

He declared that the Administration was "much gratified" by the reaction from the European and Western Hemisphere to the President's proposal.

He said: "There is evidence of a definite feeling that a practical and timely contribution has been made to the cause of peace, and that public opinion, the most potent of all forces for peace, is strongly developing throughout the world."

Mr. Cordell Hull said that he had received no indication from Berlin and Rome what their answers would be.—*Reuter.*

Berlin Hostility

Berlin, Apr. 17.

The evening papers here continue to publish hostile comments on President Roosevelt's message, emphasising the favourable reception given to it by the Western Powers and the Soviet.

The "Lokalan Zeitung" considers that the haste with which M. Kalinin replied is proof that it was the result of "pre-concerted action."

The "Boersen Zeitung" denounces the "diabolical anticipations" of the British and French press, which "gives an ever clearer expression to the hope that the Axis Powers are now confronted by the alternative: either war or complete submission." The paper goes on to say that "this satanic hope is especially concentrated on Germany."

The "Deutsche Allgemein Zeitung" takes the view that President Roosevelt cannot expect the Axis Powers to have confidence in him, since he openly avowed his hostility to them before offering mediation.

The paper asks why the President did not address to the British Government a list of the countries supposed to be in danger of aggression, which includes Palestine, Syria, Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, the British activities in those regions being scarcely compatible with the humanitarian principles laid down by President Roosevelt.—*Trans-Ocean.*

New World's Gratitude

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull to-day expressed his gratification at the public and governmental reaction to President Roosevelt's notes to the dictators.

He said it was the unanimous sentiment of the sixteen American nations, and also that Canada is mobilising public opinion in favour of the maintenance of peace.

"Naturally I and my associates are much gratified at the reaction in this hemisphere and in Europe. There are evidences of a definite feeling that a practical and timely contribution has been made to the cause of peace," said Mr. Hull.

He said no direct reply had yet been received from either Germany or Italy.—*United Press.*

Italian Reply

Rome, Apr. 17.

Field Marshal Goering left here to-day. He is reported to be carrying to Berlin a brief reply from Mussolini regarding President Roosevelt's proposals.

The answer is said to be substantially negative, but suggests that the general idea of non-aggression pacts and disarmament conferences are not distasteful to Italy and Germany if they could be broached in another manner.

The Axis powers resent any implication that they are trouble makers, and any proposals on these premises will be unacceptable.

The Axis reply to Roosevelt will be delayed until Field Marshal Goering has conferred with Hitler and his Foreign Minister.

Meanwhile, the Axis hopes that Paris and London will seize the occasion to make the proposals acceptable by removing the sting of inference that Italy and Germany are the only potential aggressors.—*United Press.*

Western Support

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17.

The Department of State reveals that the Western Hemisphere has indicated unanimous adherence to President Roosevelt's messages.

Messages have been received by the Department from Guatemala, Mexico and Haiti, while it was announced that the President of Paraguay cabled direct to President Roosevelt.—*United Press.*

Italian Opinion

ROME, Apr. 17.

In an editorial on President Roosevelt's message the "Popolo d'Italia" declares that the present European situation is the result of the Versailles treaty.

It continues; "The world laughs upon reading the really surprising things for which the President of the United States asks a guarantee."

It claims that Spain is bound to Italy not only through the anti-Comintern Pact but through the "brotherhood of arms and ideals."

It declares that Roosevelt should address himself to Britain and France.

"How can one have the pretence that he is judging the life of nations when he does not know the geographical and historical situations?

"The Fascist Council is sure that gestures, such as those the American Republic have made, give rise to alarm and confusion and rather than clarifying the international situation they render it more disturbed."—the editorial concludes.—*United Press.*

KOWLOON CITY LAND

Residential Lot Sold By Public Auction

The sale of one lot of Crown Land at Sau Chuk Yuen Road, Kowloon City, yesterday afternoon produced spirited bidding from five people in an attendance of about 20 persons. The lot comprising an area of 6,340 square feet was purchased by Mr. Chan Ying-kit, merchant, of 347 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, at a cost of $8,470. The upset price was $4,175.

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Miss Gilmar Returns

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MISS BARBARA GILMAR, the well known operatic soprano, has returned to Hong Kong from Shanghai where she has been appearing as guest artist with the Shanghai Municipal Orchestra under Maestro Mario Paci.

In her first concert she gave a classical programme and in the second she sang in two 18th Century works —the sacred cantata "Stabat Mater" and the oratorio "Resurrection of Christ" which is by Lorenzo Perosi. These two works were given on Good Friday and repeated on Easter Saturday by a company of five soloists, a chorus of 150 voices and the Municipal Orchestra. In the Oratorio Miss Gilmar sang the part of Mary Magdalene.

According to present plans, Miss Gilmar is to sing at an Orchestral Concert by the Massed Bands of the Fleet, which is contemplated for presentation at the China Fleet Club in May, and is to broadcast an operatic programme over ZBW.

It is likely that she will return to Shanghai for another series of concerts in July.

Arctic Birds Visit Montana

BUTTE, Mont.

This city is entertaining its regular annual guests from above the Arctic Circle. They are birds, a little larger than the sparrow, known as Bohemian waxwings. They come down from the north each year for about a month and then return to their nesting grounds.

ROME, Apr. 17.—The Italian Minister to Tirana, Signor Jacomoni has been appointed Ambassador to Albania, says a report.

It is authoritatively stated that this promotion is intended to be recognition of his meritorious services in his difficult and important post in Tirana. —*Trans-Ocean.*

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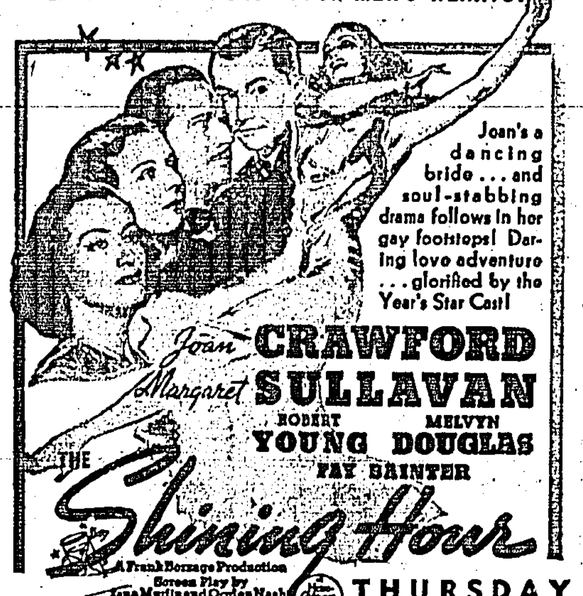

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German Fat Eaters Are "Traitors To Country"

BERLIN, Apr. 17.—Persons eating more fat than is needed for their health and strength must be classed as traitors stealing from their fellow-countrymen, declares the official organ of the German Medical profession to-day.

Exemption is made for occasional festive occasions.—*Reuter.*

BIG FLEETS IN MEDITERRANEAN

476 Warships Concentrated

LONDON, Apr. 18.

"DOMEI'S" LONDON BUREAU reports that the Mediterranean Sea is now becoming the scene of the largest scale naval concentrations in its history in connection with the growing tension between the Anglo-French combination and the Rome-Berlin axis.

The full-dress mobilisation of fleet forces by Great Britain and France in the Mediterranean Sea is understood to be connected with the manoeuvres of the German Fleet near Spain.

While the French Mediterranean Fleet, including the 22,000-ton battleships Bretagne and Lorraine, three cruisers and 11 destroyers are concentrated in Gibraltar, the main force of the British Mediterranean Fleet is massed at Malta and the rest of it is assigned at Alexandria and Suez.

The comparative strength of naval forces between the Anglo-French and German-Italian combinations available in the Mediterranean follows:

	Anglo-French	German-Italian
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B-Class Cruisers	9	14
Destroyers	71	59
Torpedo-Boats	6	71
Torpedo Motor Boats	6	43
Submarines	44	118

—*Domei.*

FRENCH NAVAL FORCES MASS

GIBRALTAR, Apr. 17.

The Largest French fleet for many years arrived here to-day.

Their visit is coincident with the extraordinary military, aerial and naval precautions which are being taken throughout the Mediterranean Sea.

The French fleet included three aircraft carriers, two battleships, three cruisers and ten destroyers.

A Portuguese communique discloses that Italy has given Portugal assurances regarding the presence of Italian troops in Spain.

However, it was not revealed what

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K. O. IN FIRST ROUND

Roper No Match For Brown Bomber

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 18.

AT WRIGLEY FIELD, Los Angeles, last night, Joe Louis, the heavyweight boxing champion of the world, knocked out Jack Roper, of California, in the first round of their scheduled ten-round bout.

Louis was a 13 to one on favourite to beat his 26-years-old opponent.—*Reuter-Message.*

SOVIET AND THE EASTERN DEFENSIVE SYSTEM

ANTI-AGGRESSION FRONT EXPANDS

PARIS, Apr. 18.

FRENCH AUTHORITIES state that Britain and France have reached an agreement with Russia regarding the use of the latter's aerial power in the event of further aggression in Europe.—United Press.

RUMANIA WILL ACCEPT AID

PARIS, APR. 17.

WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS STATE THAT RUMANIA HAS AGREED TO SOVIET AID IF NEED ARISES.

Acceptance applies not only to an air pact, but the passage of troops through Rumanian territory.

Commenting on the "most excellent manner" in which negotiations are proceeding with Rumania and Poland in connection with the defensive system in Eastern Europe, authorised quarters point out that these are not yet completed, and it would be premature to make any announcement with regard to them.

TURKEY INCLUDED

A political commentator, writing in the "Intransigeant," says: "It is expected that from April 18, London and Paris will be in a position to announce that the guarantee extended to Poland, Rumania and Greece, includes Turkey.

"The system will be completed by an agreement with the Soviet, which may be made official by the middle of the week."—*Reuter.*

ANGLO-RUSSIAN NEGOTIATIONS

LONDON, Apr. 17.

The Soviet Ambassador visited the British Foreign Office here to-day.

Embassy officials said that he would probably not see Lord Halifax and that his visit was to talk with a lesser British official as it concerns routine questions rather than the major Anglo-Russian negotiations which are now in progress.

When Parliament assembles on Tuesday Mr. Chamberlain will hardly be able to shed much new light on the Anglo-Soviet parleys when he replies to questions as, contrary to the flood of premature press reports, the talks are by no means on the verge of completion.

News, such as that alleging that Russia has already signed agreements with Britain and France to provide an air fleet and munitions in the event of a war, are described officially as being untrue.—*United Press.*

MILITARY ALLIANCE

LONDON, Apr. 18.

A momentous political development in the form of Anglo-Soviet co-operation against the Rome-Berlin axis is looming in Europe according to well-informed political observers here.

It is learned from reliable sources that negotiations between Great Britain and the Soviet Union are well in progress and that the Soviet Ambassador to London, M. Ivan Maisky, is leaving in the next few days for Moscow reportedly to make final arrangements with his home Government regarding the proposed Anglo-Soviet co-operation.

Informed quarters point out that Anglo-Soviet negotiations will be far more extensive than originally reported.

Instead of confining the proposed co-operation to air forces between Great Britain, France and the Soviet Union, the same quarters understand, the three Powers will proceed to form a general military alliance.

The Soviet Union is understood to have informally agreed to guarantee the independence of Rumania, in return for which Great Britain will guarantee Poland, Turkey and other countries bordering on the Soviet Union.

Some circles predict that an agreement providing for general co-operation and mutual assistance between Great Britain and the Soviet Union, virtually tantamount to an Anglo-Soviet military alliance, will shortly be signed between the two Governments.

Technical negotiations preparatory to the invocation of the Soviet-French mutual assistance pact are also understood to be in progress. The British Government is kept informed

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Shaded are nine countries which it is suggested may be included in the bloc of Powers opposed to aggression. The Scandinavian countries, Holland, Belgium and Switzerland would remain neutral. As can be seen, the combination against aggressor states would be powerful.

BURGOS ASSURANCE TO FRANCE

GERMAN, ITALIAN TROOPS TO LEAVE

PARIS, Apr. 17.

THE BURGOS GOVERNMENT has officially notified France that 45,000 Italian and German forces will leave Spain immediately after the May 15 parade in Madrid.

It is reported from Seville that General Franco reviewed 75,000 troops in the first of series of victory parades.—*United Press.*

Totalitarians Weakening

Washington, Apr. 17.

In a speech to-day Senator Key Pittman declared: "There has been a weakening of the Totalitarians' ambition to conquer the world.

"They have been obliged to pause, and if this continues a bit longer, the world will be spared from war."—*United Press.*

LONDON, Apr. 17.—Paymaster Captain D. S. Lambert, has been appointed Paymaster Director-General, with the rank of Rear-Admiral, in succession to Sir Arthur Strickland, the appointment to date from July 10, 1939.—*Reuter.*

POLAND TO RETURN DANZIG?

Berlin, Apr. 18.

Well informed circles here persistently report that Germany and Poland will soon reach an agreement providing for the return of Danzig to the Reich.—*United Press.*

In connection with a gambling case which was heard by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Dr. S. L. Kwong, of King's Theatre Building, wishes to state that he was not the person named Kwong Sik, described as a dentist, who was one of the defendants in the case.

London Newsman Expelled

BERLIN, Apr. 17. — The Berlin correspondent of the London "News-Chronicle" has been asked to leave Germany within 14 days.

The reason given for his expulsion is that he has persistently sent "false and tendentious reports on German conditions."—*Trans-Ocean.*

14-Year-Old Boy's Pluck

Thief Arrested In Prince Edward Rd.

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD John Amy, residing at Sai Yee Street, arrested a thief at Prince Edward Road yesterday afternoon.

While Chu Yui, 28, unemployed, was being chased by Lam Chiu, a cook, for the theft of a pressing-iron from his house in Belfram Road, Amy joined in the chase and arrested him.

Six weeks' hard labour was imposed on Chu by Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR.

The Federal Troops, the members of the Regular Police Force, and all Special Police Officers have been authorized to KILL any and all persons found engaged in looting or in the commission of any other crime.

I have directed all the Gas and Electric Lighting Companies not to turn on Gas or Electricity until I order them to do so; you may therefor expect the city to remain in darkness for an indefinite time.

I request all citizens to remain at home from darkness until daylight of every night until order is restored.

I Warn all citizens of the danger of fire from damaged or destroyed chimneys, broken or leaking gas pipes or fixtures, or any like cause.

E. E. SCHMITZ, Mayor.

Dated, April 18, 1906.

THIS PROCLAMATION was issued thirty-three years ago to-day, the anniversary of the great San Francisco earthquake. It is a souvenir of the earthquake kept by Mr. G. Baxter, of the United Press Association in Hongkong. Mr. Baxter was in San Francisco during the disaster.

HONGKONG "AIR RAID"

Surprise Black-Out Is Scheduled

THE HEART of Hongkong will be "bombed" shortly in an air raid of which the only warning the public will have will be that conveyed by the new sirens installed last week.

The new sirens, which were tested on Friday, have proved satisfactory and are to be permanently installed. It has been found necessary to remove only one from the site originally chosen.

In addition to the sirens already installed, seven new installations are already on order and are expected in the Colony shortly.

Plans are now being developed to test the sirens under actual war-time conditions.

If Government agrees, a surprise "blackout" will be held in the Colony.

No Warning

No warning will be conveyed to the public, who will first know that the enemy "raiders" are approaching when the sirens shriek their warning and street lights are cut off.

Householders and business establishments will be required to "black-out" all lighting in their premises during the interval between the "warning" signal and the "all clear."

To Test Organisation

During the test, A.R.P. organisations will be tested. They will include one Police division, the casualty service, communication service, fire brigade, air raid wardens and the decontamination squads.

REICH "NO" TO PEACE PLEA

Hitler May Make Counter Proposal

BERLIN, Apr. 17.

THE IMPRESSION in political circles is that Herr Hitler will make some sort of counter-proposal to President Roosevelt, when he gives his reply to the President's appeal in the Reichstag on April 28.

Observers here do not anticipate that Hitler is planning to close the whole matter with a categorical "No."

How far Hitler will go in making his counter-proposals it is impossible to say, but it is suggested here that he will probably maintain that Germany can only be asked to guarantee peace if what she considers her legitimate demands were granted.

These would include settlement of the colonies question, and freedom to pursue economic activities in the Balkans, unhindered by encirclement.—*Reuter.*

Out And Out Rejection

Rome, Apr. 17.

It is thought that the replies of the Axis Powers to President Roosevelt's message will both be tantamount to an out and out rejection of the main proposals, namely a 10-year guarantee that no country be attacked, and the idea of participation in a world conference.

It will be stressed that Italy desires nothing more than peace, and the action, both in Ethiopia and Albania was brought about by a state of affairs which threatened world peace.

Regarding a world conference, it is probable that Italy will declare that satisfaction of her claims against

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LATEST

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CROATIAN AUTONOMY IN YUGO-SLAVIA SEEN

ZAGREB, Apr. 17.

THE YUGO-SLAV Premier M. Tsvetkovitch, and the Croatian opposition leader, M. Matchek, announced to-day that they had reached an agreement as to the basis for discussion of the Croatian autonomy problem.

The agreement is to be referred to the parties concerned, after which M. Tsvetkovitch and M. Matchek will hold a further meeting, probably this week.

It is emphasised that once the important territorial questions are settled, a Government could be formed representing the Government Party and the Croats and Serbian opposition Party.—*Reuter.*

Complete Autonomy

Belgrade, Apr. 17.

The pending agreement between the Serbs and Croats will, according to press reports, provide for the administrative union of Sava Banat with the maritime Banat, thus creating a homogenous Croat-Banat with 4,500,000 inhabitants, who will enjoy complete autonomy within the framework of the existing Yugo-Slav constitution.

In respect of all questions pertaining to the administration of internal affairs, such as Justice, Economy, and Culture, Banat will be entirely autonomous, while questions affecting the interests of Yugo-Slavia, such as Foreign, Military and Financial affairs, will remain reserved for the Yugo-Slav State.—*Trans-Ocean.*

SOCIALISTS WON'T JOIN CABINET

POLITICAL CRISIS WORRIES BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, Apr. 17.

THE SOCIALIST Ministers of the Belgian Cabinet have resigned.

The Premier, M. Pierlot is reforming the Cabinet on a two-party basis.—*United Press.*

The Socialist Party Congress had rejected by a majority of 62,000 votes, and 15,000 abstentions, a resolution in favour of Socialist participation in the Belgian Government.—*Reuter and United Press.*

Stop-Gap Cabinet

Brussels, Apr. 17.

The Belgian Premier, M. Hubert Pierlot has formed a new Cabinet with the Socialist M. Eugene Soudan, remaining in temporary charge of Foreign Affairs, an office which M. Paul Spaak will actually hold.

However, M. Spaak is withholding his definite acceptance in order that he may be more free to tell the National Congress and the Labour Party his viewpoint on the participation of the Socialists in the tripartite government.—*United Press.*

HITLER ON "THE SPOT"

European Survey Revelations

LONDON, Apr. 17.

A SURVEY of European authorities indicates that President Roosevelt's peace plan has put Hitler and Mussolini "on the spot", but that it has utterly failed to halt the progress towards war.

"I telephoned authorities whose business it is to know every fluctuation of international affairs, in Paris, Berlin, Rome, London and other capitals," cables Mr. Webb Miller, United Press General European News Manager.

"The survey showed, firstly that President Roosevelt's appeal has momentarily taken the diplomatic initiative which the dictators have been holding.

"Secondly, it has greatly strengthened European morale in the anti-aggression front.

Responsibility For War

"Thirdly, it has helped to crystallise world opinion outside the totalitarian bloc towards the view that the responsibility for war rests with Hitler and Mussolini.

"The message is considered by the leaders of the anti-aggression front to mean that the United States will be morally on their side in the event of war. It has also increased the opinion in some quarters that America will probably lend military aid in an emergency, and therefore it tends to solidify the masses in support of measures which European nations are taking under Anglo-French leadership."—*United Press.*

Aim Of Eire Is Peace

"Only Providence Can Prevent War"

LONDON, Apr. 17.

"THE AIM of the Eire Government's policy is to maintain and preserve neutrality in case of war", declared Mr. Eamon De Valera, speaking at Ennis (Ireland) to-day.

He added: "The desire of the Irish people and the Government, is to keep the nation out of war, and the only way to secure this aim is to put ourselves in the best position to defend ourselves, so that no one can hope to attack us, or to violate our territory with impunity.

"I have no doubt that this is the policy of the vast majority of our people.

"To enforce it will require the closest co-operation of all sections. It is with a view to such contingencies that a volunteer force has been established, but the present crisis demands that we should look for several thousands more.

"New regulations and conditions of service will be published in about a week.

"Only the mercy of providence can save Europe from a new war, more terrible and disastrous than the last. Once war has begun, no one can know how it will end, but it is certain that it would ruin victor and vanquished alike."—*Reuter.*

Hitler's Birthday A Holiday

BERLIN, Apr. 17.—Herr Hitler's birthday on Thursday has been declared a national holiday, by order of the Minister of the Interior.

The order applies also to Moravia and Bohemia.

The Nazi leader in Danzig Herr Foerster, is expected to offer Herr Hitler honorary citizenship of Danzig during the celebrations in Berlin of the Fuehrer's 50th birthday.—*Reuter.*

LUNCH OF NATIONS

Youth took its bow at Grosvenor House, Park-lane, recently when Miss Christina Foyle, in search of another new idea to add to her list of literary luncheons, invited children of all nations to meet youthful prodigies. Here are some of the guests:

ETHIOPIA: Agnes Todros

HUNGARY: Marta Goldstein

ITALY: Arono Montinari

CHINA: Teh Wei-hsiung

BRITAIN: Jean Nicoll

UNITED STATES: Kathleen Kennedy

The R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Shanghai at 11.30 a.m. yesterday and left at 7 a.m. to-day. She is due at Hongkong on Thursday at 9 a.m.

Royal Visit Cancelled

Duke And Duchess And Irish Tour

LONDON, Apr. 17.

THE VISIT of the Duke and Duchess of Kent to Northern Ireland, which was postponed from its original date, has now been put off indefinitely.

A notice issued from the official residence of the Duke of Abercorn states that at the request of the Government of Northern Ireland, the Governor has informed the Duke that it would be preferable if the projected visit of Their Highnesses did not take place this year.

The Duke kindly acquiesced and "expressed the hope that he may be enabled to pay a State visit to Northern Ireland upon his return from Australia."

The Duke and Duchess of Kent leave for Australia during the second week in October.—*Reuter.*

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

Only a few small enquiries were dealt with during the day and at prices approximating the opening quotations. With the political situation so cloudy, the market has recently adopted a hesitant attitude, particularly on Mondays, nowadays being inclined to take guidance from the trend of the London market, and this is not available until Tuesday mornings.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank $1,355
Douglases $75
H.K. Lands $33
H.K. Realties $3.90
H.K. Tramways $15.80
China Lights (Old) $7.90
H.K. Electrics $53
Canton Ices $1
Watsons $7½
Entertainments $0.40

Sellers

H.K. Realties $4.10
Marsmans 5/-

Sales

H.K. & K. Wharves $90
H.K. Docks (Old) $15¼
China Lights (Old) $7.90
Vibro Piling $7
Antamoks Ps. .31
Atoks .30
Baguio Gold .33
Benguet Consolidated 10.80
Coco Grove .31
Demonstrations .13
I. X. L. .82
Itogons .22½
North Camarines .48
San Mauricio 1.12
Suyoc .15
United Paracale .58

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Apr. 17.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
May	7.97/98	8.09/09
July	7.72/72	7.80/80
October	7.42/42	7.46/46
December	7.37/37	7.40/40
January	7.37b/38a	7.40N
March	7.44/44	7.45N
Spot	———	8.84N

The First Notice Day for May cotton is April 25th, and the last Day is May 16th.

New York Rubber

May	15.67 /66	15.65 /65
September	15.67b/72a	15.67 /69
December	15.72b/73a	15.65b/70a
March	———	15.68N

The First Notice Day for May rubber is April 27th, and the last Day is May last.

To-day's Sales:—780 tons.

Chicago Wheat

May	69⅛/69⅜	69¼/69⅛
July	68 /68⅛	68⅛/68
September	———	68½/68⅝

Saturday's Sales:— 8,765,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

May	48⅛/48¼	48⅜/48⅝
July	49⅞/49⅞	49¾/49⅞
September	50¾/50⅝	50½/50½

Winnipeg Wheat

May	60⅝/60¾	60¾/60¾
July	61¾/61⅞	61¾/61¾
Sept.	———	62⅞/62⅞

Madrid Victory Parade

MADRID, Apr. 17.—Over 500,000 troops will take part in the Madrid victory parade which has been provisionally fixed for May 15.

The parade will officially mark the end of the civil war.

General Franco is expected to make an important speech.—*Reuter.*

ROME, Apr. 17.—The Italian Minister to Tirana, Signor Jacomoni has been appointed Ambassador to Albania, says a report.

It is authoritatively stated that this promotion is intended to be recognition of his meritorious services in his difficult and important post in Tirana.—*Trans-Ocean.*

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R 2199.	It's Getting Harder To Discover. And So To Bed.
R 2158.	You Make My Wheels Go Round. I Hate Vice.
R 2138.	I'd Rather Be A Savage. I Couldn't Make To The Girl of To-day.
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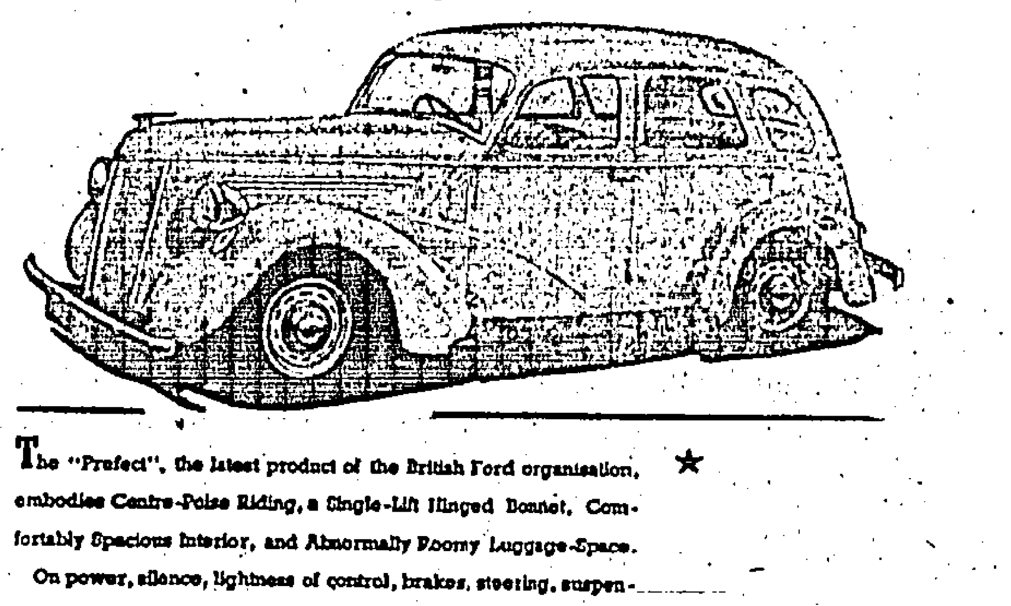

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China is still advancing with conspicuous success in her great counter-offensive, which has already entered its second week. In eight days, the Chinese gains in five provinces have totalled tens of thousands of square miles. Three provincial capitals —Canton, Kaifeng and Nanchang are threatened. Offsetting Chinese reports of successes, the Japanese claim to have captured Kuling.

CHINESE DRIVES ON FIVE FRONTS

IN KIANGSI

STARTLING REVERSES sustained by the Japanese forces in Kiangsi province have resulted in the Chinese attackers regaining territory to the extent that they are now within nine miles of the capital, lost in last month's Japanese offensive.

The Chinese troops have succeeded in crossing the Fu River, and bitter fighting is now said to be in progress at Lientang, a Nanchang suburb.

Whilst this drive on Nanchang has developed sensationally south-east of the city, further Chinese successes are also reported southwards, where a large body of Chinese troops are now attempting to join forces with the soldiers fighting at Lientang. This force is stated to have reached a point only 20 miles from Nanchang.

Kaoan Surrounded

Kaoan, which was also lost to the Japanese during the Japanese March offensive, may be the latest Japanese-occupied centre to be added to the enormous Chinese gains in the present counter-offensive.

The city is reported to be entirely surrounded by Chinese forces.

The proximity of the Chinese forces to Nanchang necessitated increased vigilance by the Japanese garrison, who fear that many of the civilians in the city itself may suddenly take up arms against them.

Martial law is strictly enforced and, according to "Central News" the Japanese are ruthlessly executing any civilians suspected of ultra-loyalty to China.

IN HONAN

HEAVY JAPANESE reinforcements are clashing with strong Chinese forces which last week occupied the city of Tunghsu, south of Kaifeng, the provincial capital of Honan province.

A major battle is imminent with the arrival of new Japanese reinforcements from Chenliu, Kihsien and Kaifeng.

In the south, the Chinese have unexpectedly opened a new drive against Changtaikwan, the Peiping-Hankow Railway town north of Sinyang.

Although the Chinese succeeded in penetrating into the town, subsequent reports indicate that they have been forced to retire, and severe fighting is now said to be in progress on the outskirts.

The Chinese are straddling the railway on both sides of Changtaikwan.

Po-Ai, terminus of the Taokow-Chinghua Railway, has been recaptured by the Chinese after four days' severe fighting. Heavy casualties were sustained by both sides.

IN SHANSI

IN AN EFFORT to halt the great Chinese offensive in Shansi Province, the Japanese are alleged to have made liberal use of poison gas yesterday.

Asphyxiating gas was used in the form of artillery shells during an exchange of gun-fire at Hsiahsien, south of Wensi.

East of the Fen River, the Japanese forces at Yicheng have been completely isolated by the Chinese. In anticipation of the fall of Yicheng, the Japanese have massed considerable forces at Wensi, where the next major battle is expected to take place.

A number of strategic points south-east of Wensi have already been captured by the attackers.

Fighting Near Anyi

Sanguinary fighting is now raging in the neighbourhood of Anyi, Yuncheng, Chichsien and Yicheng, where the Chinese are "mopping-up" isolated Japanese garrisons.

The southern and western portion of Anyi is now in Chinese hands, while the Japanese are holding out in the northern and eastern sections.

Liminpno, a town a few miles inside the Great Wall of China, has been recaptured by the Chinese, the Japanese garrison retiring to Sohsien.

Desperate fighting is in progress at Kinglochen, in the western part of the province.

KULING CAPTURED

SHANGHAI, April 18.—In a lightning attack up the hazardous mountain trails, Japanese troops occupied Kuling, famous summer resort atop the Lushan Mountain Range in northern Kiangsi, at 8 o'clock this morning.

Starting their final attack at 3 a.m. yesterday, the Japanese forces "annihilated" Chinese defenders straggling in the mountain.

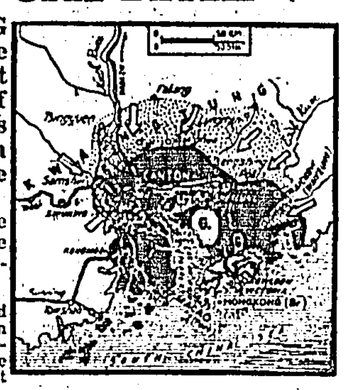
The capture of Kuling was confirmed in an official communique issued by the Headquarters of the Japanese Army at Hankow at 11 o'clock this morning.

Details regarding the safety of the remaining foreigners concentrated in the Safety Zone at Kuling were not available yet.—*Domei.*

IN KWANGTUNG

CHINESE CLOSING IN ON CAPITAL

REPORTS REACHING Shum Chun shortly before noon to-day indicate that the Kowloon-Canton city of Sheklung, thirty-five miles east of Canton, has been captured by the Chinese forces.



A special representative of the "Telegraph" remained on the frontier throughout the morning.

Reports brought down by wounded Chinese soldiers who have been participating in the battle for Sheklung and Shektan state that a Chinese attack on Sheklung was launched last night.

After some hours' fighting, the Chinese forces succeeded in breaking into the city.

One of the seven wounded men arriving at the border to-day stated that just before he was rendered *hors-de-combat* the capture of the city appeared on the verge of completing.

Order To Attack

About fifty wounded soldiers have now reached the frontier from the battle area. They are all members of the Eighth Peace Preservation Corps under the leadership of Vice-Commander Chang.

One of the wounded men told the "Telegraph": "We were ordered to attack Sheklung yesterday morning. Fighting commenced shortly after dawn and continued throughout the day and last night. We eventually succeeded in breaking into the city and hand-to-hand fighting was in progress when I was wounded by a bullet.

Further batches of wounded soldiers are expected to reach the border to-day.

General Offensive

The Chinese attack on Sheklung is only an isolated battle in the general offensive that has developed in southern Kwangtung, apparently with Canton as the objective.

Brisk fighting continues between Tsengshing, which the Chinese captured on Friday, and Tsungfa.

The "Telegraph" Correspondent in Canton reports that crack Chinese troops are being hurled against the Canton front in almost reckless fashion.

For the first time, the Japanese military spokesman in Canton has admitted "some losses," although he refuses to divulge in what direction.

It is claimed, however, that the Chinese counter-attack from the direction of Samshui is considerably worrying the Japanese, whose defences in this direction are admittedly weak.

The Chinese have captured Koonyiu, and Wongtong has also been lost to the Japanese.

Heavy Battle Imminent

An announcement over the Canton Radio Station, which is controlled by the Japanese, admitted the presence of heavy Chinese reinforcements in the East River area, and a heavy battle seems imminent near Sunkai, on the Canton-Hankow Railway, where the Chinese will come up against the Japanese inner defences.

The Japanese have been forced to abandon Skekkok Market, retiring to Chungloktam, in the Punyu district.

Through this victory, the Chinese encirclement of Canton came a step nearer realisation with the junction of troops operating in the Chungfa and Fayuen areas.

As a result of this junction, the Chinese troops are now operating on a fairly lengthy and continuous front west of Canton.

Kongmoon Regained

The Chinese forces are now in complete possession of Kongmoon, the treaty port west of Macao. In this area, it is revealed, crack troops from General Tsai Ting-kai's training camp at Loting are meeting with conspicuous success.

China War

JAPANESE LOSSES IN APRIL

Chungking, Apr. 17.

The total Japanese loss in man-power on all fronts during the first half month of April was estimated by the Chinese military headquarters here at 22,199 officers and men killed and 556 others captured.

The material losses of the Japanese expeditionary force in China during the same period include 399 war horses, 557 rifles and mausers 42 machine and sub-machine guns, four field guns, 75 tanks and armoured cars, and upwards of 10,000 rounds of cartridge.

The Japanese losses, it is revealed, were suffered during the 323 engagements which they had with the defence forces during the period.

The Japanese suffered their heaviest loss in man-power on the Kiangsi front. In a total of fifty engagements they lost 8,122 officers and men, 30 horses, 23 rifles, and 22 tanks and armoured cars.—*Central News.*

Many Die In U.S. Tornado Disaster

New York, Apr. 17.

At least 43 were killed and 170 injured by tornadoes which swept five southern States to-day.

Thousands of acres of Ohio lowlands were submerged.

Relief organisations are bringing help to the stricken areas.—*Reuter.*

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17. — The Senate to-day passed the $152,000,000 deficiency appropriations bill, which includes provision of $110,000,000 for army equipment, such as semi-automatic rifles, tanks, anti-tank guns, anti-aircraft guns, gas masks, artillery, and ammunition.—*Reuter.*

$12,000 Opium Importation

Charged with being concerned in the importation of over $12,000 worth of chandu into Singapore on March 16, a Chinese, Low Tng, who claimed trial to the offence in the Singapore Criminal District Court recently, had further hearing of the charge postponed

The alleged offence was said to have taken place in Stanley Street. The amount of chandu concerned was ,524 tahils.

The accused was alleged to have had a consignment of rubber-cloth consigned from Hongkong by the steamer Gustave Diederichsen, while trading under the name of Chop Soon Hong.

When customs officers, led by Mr. A. H. Capel, examined the rubber cloth, they found the chandu concealed in it.

POSTPONEMENT ASKED FOR

Mr. Mark Morrison, counsel for the defence, asked for two weeks' postponement before the hearing of the case, as he received no instructions and had no knowledge of the case.

Furthermore it was "very complicated."

Mr. Wallace Kemp, prosecuting officer, said he was prepared to carry on, as he had all his witnesses and the exhibits in court.

Mr. L. B. Gibson, the Judge, remarked that the case was down for trial and he would proceed with the formal evidence, and then adjourn the case afterwards.

IN HUPEH

BIG JAPANESE LOSSES

THE CHINESE drive eastward towards the Wuhan cities gained further momentum in Hupeh Province yesterday as the result of further Japanese losses east of the Han River.

The Chinese forces claim to have completely cleared the Japanese from the east bank of the Han River. Last month, it is interesting to note the Japanese were not only in complete possession of the east bank but had also succeeded in penetrating to a distance of about thirty miles further westwards towards Ichang.

The Japanese sustained severe losses at Hellutu, where they were forced to abandon considerable quantities of war materials.

National Television Soon

Mr. F. W. Ogilvie, Director-General of the B.B.C., speaking at Liverpool recently at the opening of the B.B.C. travelling exhibition, said that they hoped to make television a national system soon.

"We have been hard at it for two years," he said, "and we have now come to a critical landmark in television work.

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"The speed at which we can go forward depends on two things. Firstly, the result of technical experience as to the means of transmission, and it is hoped these results will be known before very long, although certainly not this year; and, secondly, the question of finance, because the B.B.C. does not get the whole of the 10s. paid for wireless licences.

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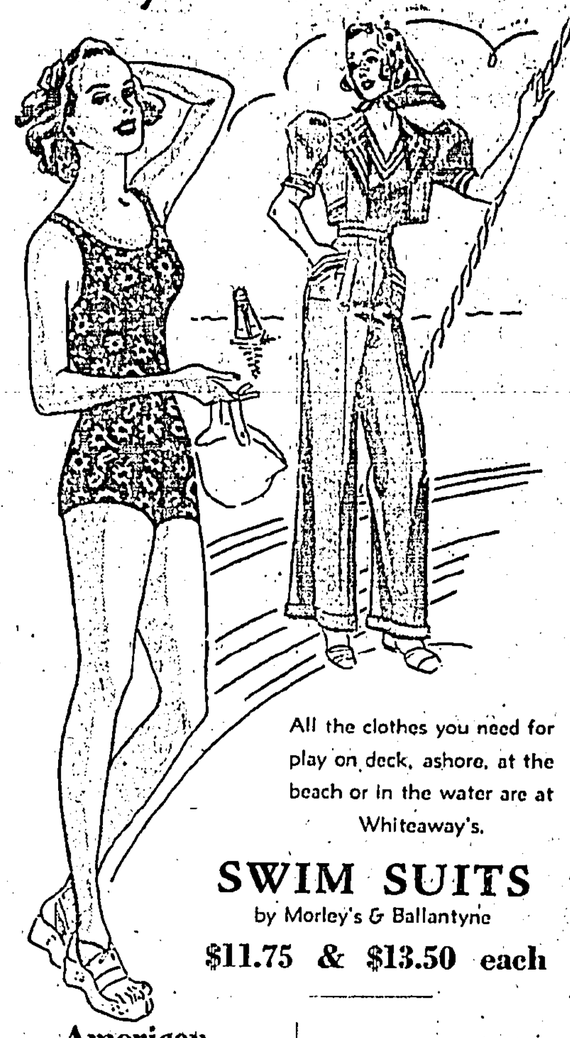

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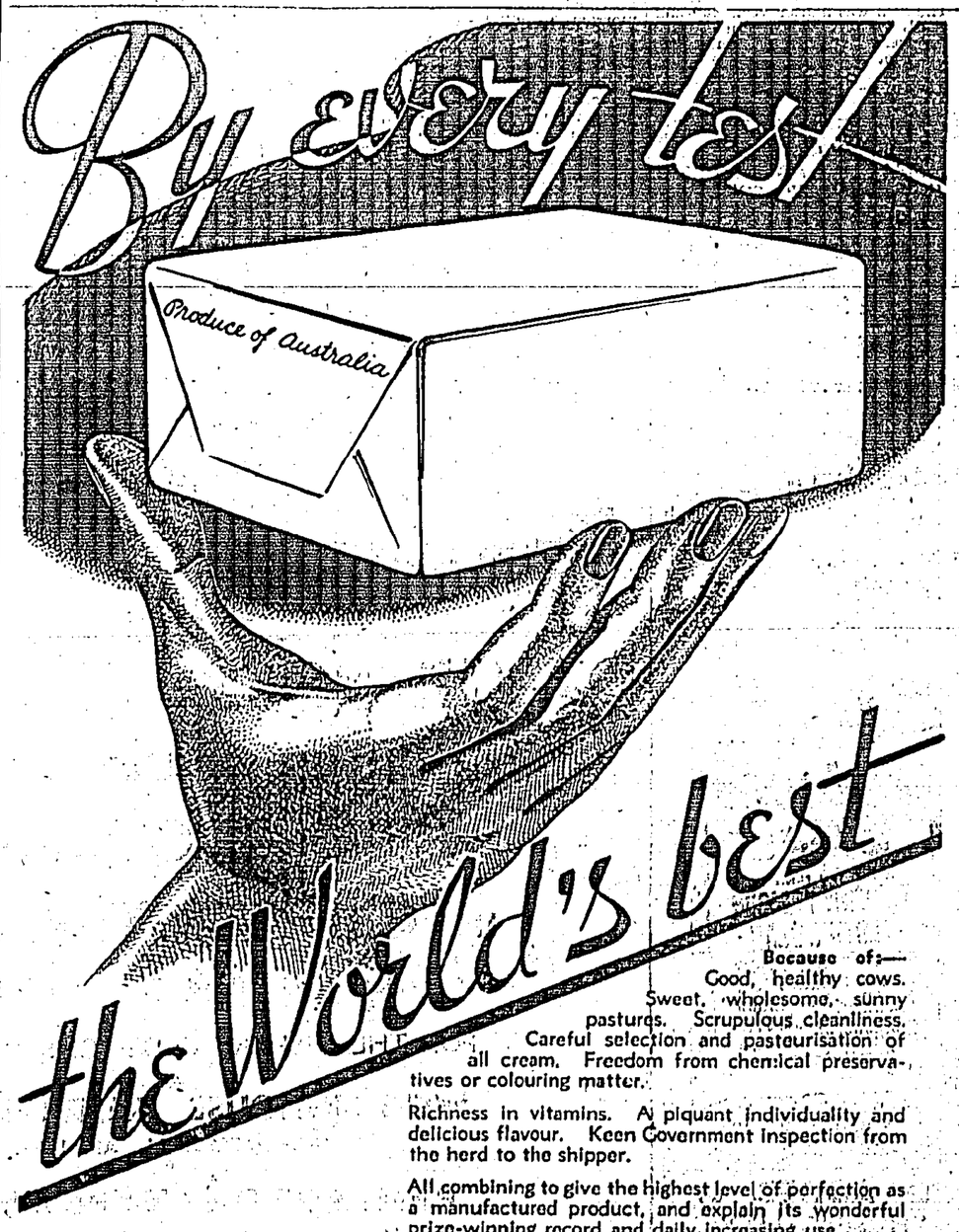

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Figures supplied by the Royal Observatory last night showed that since Saturday morning 3.35 inches of rain had fallen in Hongkong. This brings the total rainfall for 1939 up to 9.1 inches, which, though far below Hongkong's present needs, is a little better than the average for the period.

The intermittent rain has meant unpleasant conditions for all, but in the light of Hongkong's urgent need of rain these conditions have been accepted with a good grace. Heavier and more protracted falls are necessary if the Colony's reservoirs are to be properly replenished after last year's exceptionally dry conditions.

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The Transfer Register will be closed from April 10th to 22nd, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
M. Y. TANG,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 1, 1939.

Soviet To Aid Democracies

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of the Franco-Soviet negotiations.—*Domei.*

Parleys In Berlin

BERLIN, Apr. 17.

WHEN M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister arrives here tomorrow, he will be expected to explain to Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop the exact position about Britain's guarantee.

It is possible that he will be asked to give an assurance that the guarantee will remain one-sided.

It is gathered in Rumanian circles here that M. Gafencu's reply will be that Rumania must welcome any guarantee of her frontiers by anyone. He will also make it clear that Rumania will not consider any frontier revisions at her expense.

The visit was originally arranged in connection with the German-Rumania trade treaty, and this will occupy the bulk of the discussions.

Herr Hitler will receive M. Gafencu on Wednesday morning.

Rumanian circles here say that M. Gafencu is not going to Paris or London.—*Reuter.*

Maisky For Moscow

LONDON, Apr. 17.—It has been announced that the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky, will proceed to Moscow on Tuesday to join in the Anglo-French-Russian negotiations.

This announcement is interpreted as meaning that the negotiations to bring Russia into the peace front have reached a decisive stage and that haste is regarded as essential.—*United Press.*

Activity In London

LONDON, Apr. 17.—The High Commissioner for Eire paid a second visit to Mr. Chamberlain since Friday to-day.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald also called on the Premier on his return from ten days sick leave.—*Reuter.*

Polish-Rumanian Talks

Warsaw, Apr. 17.

Colonel Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, travelled to Cracol to-day to great his Rumanian colleague, M. Gafencu, who is on his way to Berlin.

The two Foreign Ministers continued their journey together as far as Kattowitz, which afforded them an opportunity of conversing for over an hour.

Foreign Minister Gafencu will spend the night at Breslau, from where he will proceed to Berlin.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Rumanian-German Conferences

BERLIN, Apr. 17.

The Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, will arrive here to-morrow to conduct a series of vital conferences.

It is understood that the German Foreign Minister will insist that Rumania decides immediately whether she will join the Rome-Berlin Axis or adhere to Mr. Chamberlain's anti-Axis bloc.—*United Press.*

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6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Outside of Paradise; (b) Shinanigans; (c) Heart and Soul; (d) Jeepers Creepers.

6.14 Record: So Many Memories (Woods) and Outside An Old Stage Door (Pelosi-Pattison) .....Ralph Silvester (Vocal) accomp. by Fred Hartley and His Sextet.

6.21 (a) I could use a Dream; (b) Flat Foot Floogie; (c) After you've gone; (d) Every Tub.

6.35 Records: Dinah (Akst) and Lazy Bones (Mercer and Carmichael) ....8 Piano Ensemble lead by Philip Finch; Little Lady Make-Believe (Tobias and Simon)......Dorothy Lamour (Vocal) with Herbie Kay and His Orchestra.

6.44 (a) Star Dust; (b) Mama's gone Good-bye; (c) Moon-Glow; (d) Rhythm Mad.

7.00 Close. Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Reginald Dixon at the Organ.

Dixon Hits No. 16,—Intro: It looks like rain in Cherry Blossom Lane; The greatest mistake of my life; Wake up and live; You're here, You're there; Ten pretty girls; Love is good for anything that ails you; Dixon Hits No. 21,—Intro: Tears in my heart; In my little red book; Once in a while; The pretty little patchwork quilt; The girl in the Alice Blue Gown; Don't ever change.

7.15 A Programme of Dance Music and Variety.

Dance Orchestra—Summer's End—Slow Fox-Trot; Never Break A Promise—Waltz....Mantovani and His Orchestra; Vocal—Let Me Go Back To The Farm (Sarony and Holmes) and Why Must We Keep On Working? (Sarony and Holmes).....The Two Leslies (Leslie Sarony and Leslie Holmes) with Orchestra; Dance Orchestra—Allah's Holiday (Friml) and Indianola (Oliva)....The Six Swingers directed by George Scott Wood; Vocal and Piano—Two Shadows (film same) and I Won't Tell A Soul (Parker-Charles) ....Leslie Hutchinson; Comedian—Pop! Goes Your Heart (film 'Happiness Ahead') and London On A Rainy Night (Washington and Stept) ....Bobby Howes with Orchestra; Hawaiian Orchestra—Tropic Love (Tomerlin and Long) and Sweet Hawaiian Chimes (McConnell and Sandford) ....The Hawaiian Islanders with Vocal Chorus; Dance Orchestra—Love Is Where You Find It (film 'Garden of the Moon') and Garden of the Moon (from the film).....Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra.

8.00 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Violin Solos by Yehudi Menuhin.

Sicilienne Et Rigaudon (Francoeur-Kreisler) and Guitarre (Moszkowski-Sarasate)....with Piano accomp. by Arthur Balsam; Romance In A Major, Op. 94, No. 2 (Schumann, arr. Kreisler)....with Piano accomp. by Ferguson.

8.14 Schumann—Concerto In D Minor.

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and The Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York conducted by John Barbirolli.

8.44 A Song by Amelita Galli-Curci (Soprano).

Chanson Indoue ('Sadko'—Rimsky-Korsakov).

8.49 Rimsky-Korsakov—Le Coq D'Or Suite.

London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

9.15 London Relay—The News.

9.30 London Relay—'Food for Thought'.

Short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.45 London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 Songs by Elsie Suddaby (Soprano).

The Mocking Fairy (Besly); The Almond Tree (Schumann); The Rosebud; Hark! Hark! The Lark (Schubert)....with Piano accompaniment.

10.00 London Relay—'The City of London'—8:

'The Corporation' by A. H. Thomas, Deputy Keeper of the Records, Guildhall.

10.15 Two Schubert Songs.

Hedge Rose, Op. 3, No. 3 and The Erl King, Op. 1....Alexander Kipnis (Bass) with Gerald Moore at the Piano.

10.21 Beethoven—Symphony No. 7 In A Major, Op. 92.

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

11.00 Close Down.

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Warships In Mediterranean

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is behind the assurances.—*United Press.*

BRITISH FLEET AT MALTA

GIBRALTAR, Apr. 17.—While there are now 13 French warships at Gibraltar, it is learned that practically the entire British Mediterranean fleet is in Malta or its vicinity.

Few British ships are at Gibraltar and they are mostly destroyers, which are based locally.—*Reuter.*

French Warships Mass At Gibraltar

Gibraltar, Apr. 17.

Indicative of the steadily increasing tension in the Mediterranean, the concentration of French naval forces at Gibraltar is continuing.

Three cruisers, including the Marseilles, and six destroyers of the French Mediterranean Fleet arrived at Gibraltar to-day, bringing the number of French warships up to 13.

An unconfirmed report says that a Spanish destroyer has entered port at Algeciras opposite Gibraltar.—*Domei.*

Big Manoeuvres In Pacific

SYDNEY, Apr. 17.—Australia's biggest naval manoeuvres since the war began to-day and are continuing until Wednesday.

The New Zealand flagship, Leander, and eight air force squadrons are co-operating with the Australian squadron.

The exercises have been planned as realistically as possible, and include the stopping and questioning of liners.—*Reuter.*

Paris Council To Meet

PARIS, Apr. 17.

An official Council of Ministers has been convoked for to-morrow.

It is reported that the meeting has been called to examine the international situation.—*United Press.*

French Air Precautions

Paris, Apr. 17.

The Prime Minister, M. Daladier, had another long conversation with M. Goy Lachambre, the French Air Minister to-day, the latter reporting on the latest developments of the French air arm, and particularly about the arrangements for co-operation between the French and British air ministries.

Immediately afterwards the Premier had a long talk with the General Secretary of the French Finance Ministry, as well as with the Director of the Budget, concerning measures to be taken in the interests of national defence.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Canadian Oil For Britain

London, Apr. 17.

England is about to secure for her defence forces increased supplies of mineral oil from Canada.

A delegation of Canadian mineral oil experts arrived in Liverpool today to confer with representatives of the British War Ministry as to the methods of delivering the supplies.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Norway Warns Shipping

Oslo, Apr. 17.

The Norwegian Ministry for Trade issued a decree to-day requiring the management of all Norwegian shipping companies to instruct all merchant vessels in foreign waters to keep permanently in touch with the Norwegian wireless information service, as this service will at once issue reports should danger of war in Europe become acute.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Hitler Reviews Troops

Vienna, Apr. 17.

Herr Hitler and General von Brauschitch to-day reviewed recruits at St. Poelten, 30 miles west of Vienna.—*Reuter.*

Fear Of Force

Berlin, Apr. 17.

Well informed sources are of the opinion that Germany will renew her proposals for the return of Danzig to the Reich.

All sources insist that Germany will not take Danzig by force, since they fear that a forcible move either against Danzig or the Polish Corridor will probably be a signal for general hostilities, which Germany is apparently still anxious to avoid.—*United Press.*

Air Raid Sirens

London, Apr. 18.

Two hundred extraordinarily powerful air raid sirens are being installed throughout the entire London area.

It is said they will create "the most distressing sound ever created by man" so as to be audible above the traffic sounds.

They will be audible over an area of 200 square miles.—*United Press.*

Italian Preparedness

Rome, Apr. 17.

The military preparedness of the Italian nation has been further intensified with the publication to-night of an official Gazette announcing a Royal decree which will become effective immediately.

The decree authorises an extraordinary appropriation of one million lire annually for ten years with which the "fighting efficiency of the Army" will be strengthened.

The decree is signed by King Emmanuel, Mussolini and the Italian Minister of Finance.—*United Press.*

IN THE COURTS

37 Years In Prison For Eleven Men

TEN OF the seventeen cases on the Criminal Sessions calender were decided before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor this morning at the Supreme Court. A total of 37 years and 3 months imprisonment was passed on 11 defendants.

Li Yu-kwong pleaded guilty to a breach of the deportation Ordinance, and, admitting to six previous convictions, was sentenced to two and a half years imprisonment.

Chan Kwok-yan alias Chun Chak-shum pleaded guilty to possession of arms and ammunition was sent to gaol for two years.

Law Fuk, pleading guilty to possession of a dagger at Taipo, was sentenced to nine months, and Lau San, on a similar charge, was sent to prison for 12 months.

Lau Loi, also charged with possession of arms, a revolver and nine rounds of ammunition, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 months.

On charges of (a) attempted robbery by two or more, and (b) house breaking with intent in Wanchai on February 15, Suen Ying and Chan On were gaoled for three years on each charge, concurrent.

Forgery Cases

Wai Wing-hung received sentences of two years each on two charges of uttering forged banknotes, and one year on a charge of possession of forged notes, the sentences to run concurrently.

Ho Kong, pleaded guilty to possession of forged banknotes and was sentenced to two years.

Three years and eight strokes of the cane was passed on Wong Cheuk and Chan Hing on a charge of armed highway robbery at Kowloon City on March 6.

Attack On European

Armed robbery in a dwelling, and inflicting injury on Mrs. R. J. Holmes at her flat in Prince Edward Road on March 24 resulted in a sentence of five years being passed on Li Ki, who pleaded guilty.

Possession Of Dangerous Drugs

Li Yuen pleaded not guilty to a charge of possession of 40,650 heroin pills in an unnumbered hut at Kowloon City on March 23. The jury empanelled were:

G. W. Carr (foreman), Choa Po-min, Lui Chung-sun, L.C. Silva, E. M. Sahmet and Pun Kwong-yin.

Mr. J. Whyatt, Crown Counsel prosecuted, and stated that on March 24 at 2.40 p.m. R.O. College and Mr. H. A. Taylor, Monopoly Analyst, raided the hut. The front door was open, and the premises consisted of two rooms and a cock-loft. On entering there was a smell of drying heroin pills, and Mr. Taylor made his way through the door of the rear room. It was dark inside and upon flashing his torch, Mr. Taylor saw defendant lying on a truckle bed. In the room was a drying cupboard which contained five trays of still hot heroin pills.

The house was searched and in the cockloft were two men, who stated that they were tenants and paid $6 a month to defendant.

Revenue Officer W. H. College and Mr. H. A. Taylor gave corroborative evidence, and following the evidence of the Police interpreter, defendant stated that he was only a cook in the hut and had been employed by another man.

The jury were unanimous in their verdict of guilty, and defendant was sent to prison for three years.

Duke Vacates His Castle

THE Duke of Northumberland recently confirmed the report that he and his mother, the Duchess, are vacating Alnwick Castle, Northumberland, and will live in 20-roomed Lesbury House, on the estate.

Alnwick Castle has 200 rooms and employs 100 servants.

The following statement was issued by the Duke:

"Owing to the very heavy incidence of Death Duties incurred twice within 12 years, together with the present state of income and sur-tax and a serious depreciation in income with which all coal royalty owners will be faced in the near future, the Duke has reluctantly decided to close the castle for the time being and occupy Lesbury House."

Alnwick Castle has been in possession of the Percys, the Duke's family, 630 years.

The Duke succeeded to the title in 1930. Death duties on his father's estate of £2,500,000 amounted to more than £1,000,000.

KOWLOON CITY LAND

Residential Lot Sold By Public Auction

The sale of one lot of Crown Land at Sau Chuk Yuen Road, Kowloon City, yesterday afternoon produced spirited bidding from five people in an attendance of about 20 persons. The lot comprising an area of 8,340 square feet was purchased by Mr. Chan Ying-kit, merchant, of 347 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, at a cost of $8,470. The upset price was $178.

A condition of the lease is that the property shall be used for the construction of a residential building, which must be of European type and with accommodation for only one family.

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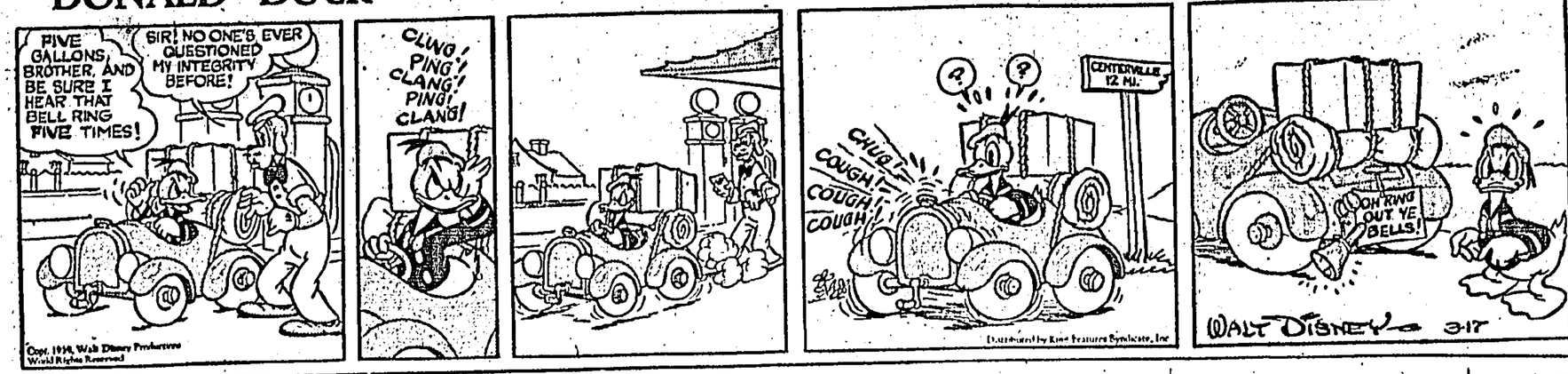

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HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS NOW GENEROUSLY EQUIPPED

Military H. Q. Summarises The Corps' Activities

WHILE NOT DENYING THE POSSIBLE JUSTIFICATION FOR PRESS CRITICISM IN THE PAST, THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS ANNUAL REPORT DECLARES THAT SO FAR AS UP-TO-DATE AND SUITABLE EQUIPMENT IS CONCERNED, THE CORPS IS NOW GENEROUSLY PROVIDED FOR. THIS CONCLUSION, TOGETHER WITH EMPHASIS ON THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN EFFICIENCY, AND THE SUCCESS OF THE CAMPS AND COMBINED MANOEUVRES, FORM FEATURES OF THE ANNUAL SUMMARY JUST RELEASED BY MILITARY HEADQUARTERS.

The summary reads in part:

1. General. The past year has been a successful one for the Corps and considerable progress made in training efficiency. No one realises better than the Volunteers what would be required of them in the event of war and all ranks have combined to try to reach the highest standard in training.

The Corps has shown a steady increase in numbers but is still below the required number of Europeans. The newly formed Chinese units have found no difficulty in attracting a good type of recruit and are well up to strength.

There has been a certain amount of criticism in the Press complaining that much of the Corps equipment is out of date or not suitable. Whatever justification there may have been in the past, it is satisfactory to be able to state that the Corps is now being most generously provided for.

2. Training. (a) Drill Attendances. Normal training has been carried out daily at Volunteer Headquarters. The average number of attendances has been very good and a great deal of hard work done.

(b) Camp. Two camps of four days each were held at Fanling in November for the Machine Gun Units, Signal Units, Medical Section, Army Service Corps Company, and the Lyon Light Section.

Batteries held their own camp later and carried out their annual range practices.

His Excellency the Governor, Hon. Colonel of the Corps, visited the camp at Fanling on Sunday, November 13, and after lunch with the Officers, inspected the Units in camp.

His Excellency the G. O. C. China Command, Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., visited the camp on November 6 and 12 and watched different units carry out Part III of the A.M.G.C. (Field Firing).

The G.S.O. 1 (Col. N.M.S. Irwin, D.S.O, M.C.) visited all Units during training and spent a night in camp.

The A.D.M.S. (Col. J. T. Simpson), visited the Medical Section.

Lt.-Col. H.B.L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E., Hon. Lt.-Colonel of the Corps, spent a week-end in camp and visited different Units during training.

The four days camp was an innovation which proved a great success. It is hoped it may be possible to increase it to a week this year for those who can find the time.

Attendance in camp was very good, the only absentees being those who could not get away.

The employers, generally, were most helpful and co-operated in every way to make the camp a success. This is most important as the Volunteers depend entirely on the helpful attitude from their employers.

Tactical training was carried out daily. All Machine Gun Units fired Part III A.M.G.C., and each did a night shoot.

The Air Arm arranged to come out and land on the Race Course and afterwards carry out a combined scheme with the Anti-Aircraft (Portuguese) Company. Unfortunately, there was a gale blowing and no aircraft could leave the aerodrome on either of the days selected.

EFFICIENT BATTERY

The 1st Battery held their only camp at Pakshawan during the two week-ends, 18-20 February, 1938, and 25-27 February, 1938.

On the first week-end, the Right Section manned the guns and on the second week-end, the Left Section took over. Firing was carried out under the direction of the C.R.A., who watched the shooting of both sections.

The training and firing of the Battery was carried out under the personal supervision of Major J. M. Smith, R.A., (Major Instructor of Gunnery).

Major Smith has given invaluable help and assistance to this Battery and has devoted a great deal of time and hard work to their training.

There has been a marked improvement in the efficiency of this Battery which is due very largely to the personal efforts of Major Smith.

The Second (Improvised) Battery held their annual camp at Ping Long Wan from April 29 to May 1. They had a most successful camp. Captain Whitmarsh, R.M., was present throughout and was of the greatest assistance with his help and advice. The Lyon Light Section attended camp for the first time. They co-operated with the Machine Gun Companies in night firing. In view of the short time this Unit has been formed, their standard of training was most satisfactory.

The Signal Units attended alternate camps. They were most useful in maintaining a despatch rider letter service with Hongkong. Both Units carried out field firing and tactical signal exercises during camp.

The Army Service Corps Company attended camp and carried out practical training. The were assisted by Major Robertson, R.A.S.C.

The Medical Section carried out tactical training for the first time and co-operated in a number of schemes. The evacuation of casualties was practised and the formation and duties of A.R.P. and an A.D.S.

The Pay Section attended camp and put in much useful work in bringing the records of service and numbers of the Corps up to date. A Warrant Officer from Command Headquarters gave lectures and instruction in pay duties.

MANNING THE BEACHES

(c) Beach Manning. Beach manning was practised during the summer. Valuable help was given by the Royal Navy. These exercises were of great value to the Volunteers and much useful information obtained, both tactical and administrative.

(d) Night Firing at Towed Targets. Night firing at towed targets was also carried out at Stonecutters Island by all Machine Gun Companies. The recorded hits registered by different platoons differed considerably. There were several most successful shoots. These night shoots have been of the greatest value to the Corps and for demonstrating the difficulties of this form of shooting. On all occasions, the Royal Scots have assisted both at firing point and with the targets. Their help and co-operation has been invaluable.

(e) Special Courses. Special courses have been carried out during the training period by the Regular Army instructors for Volunteer N.C.O.s in teaching how to instruct. These courses have been well attended and a high standard reached.

(f) Combined Operations. Combined Operations took place in November, 1938, coming so soon after camp had its drawbacks but nevertheless attendance was again good and by Saturday evening Units paraded almost 100 per cent. strong.

Combined Operations proper were preceded by a signal exercise on November 22 and 23. The Volunteers Signal Section under Lt. A. N. Braude carried out their allotted duties most successfully and maintained communications throughout the sector for which they were responsible.

VALUABLE LESSONS LEARNT

The combined operations, generally, were particularly interesting for the Volunteers. All Units were engaged at one time or another and many valuable lessons learnt.

In order to test their adaptability, several Units have their normal role completely changed at the last minute. This necessitated reorganisation and a great deal of extra work. The Units concerned quickly adapted themselves to the new conditions and proved themselves capable of dealing with an emergency quickly and without confusion. The Operations finished on Sunday morning and the Corps returned to Headquarters by 10 a.m.

3. Liaison With The Regular Army. The increase in strength and the technical nature of much of the training necessitates a great deal of help from the Regular Garrison. This help has invariably been forthcoming and one of the happiest aspects of Volunteering is the close bond which exists between the Regular Army and the Volunteer Corps.

4. New Volunteer Headquarters. The provision of new Headquarters has been urgently required for some time and the need becomes greater with every recruit that joins. The question is now under discussion by the Government and it is to be hoped that a decision will be reached quickly and construction started. There is little doubt that the present lack of accommodation has an adverse affect on recruiting.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

5. Sporting Activities. During the past year the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps has taken its usual part in the sporting activities of the Colony, chief of which have been cricket matches played against most of the leading clubs and Services teams on practically every Sunday except during the camp training period. It is not always possible to raise the strongest side but the Volunteers have usually managed to emerge successful.

There has been the usual rugby match against the Army in which we were again successful last year, and during the summer we have run the usual baseball team in the local league.

The Volunteer Aquatic sports took place in July as a farewell to Colonel Anderson and were again a pronounced success, as was also the Rifle meeting at the end of April.

There have been several enjoyable golf matches between the China Command Headquarters and the Officers. The latter had an unbeaten record in 1938. His Excellency the Governor played with conspicuous success for the Volunteers on more than one occasion.

The only regret is that there are no more ground facilities for a Volunteers sports Club, which would be a great attraction for European recruits. A Club of this kind was started in 1925 with the present Navy ground at King's Park but the Volunteers were forced to relinquish it to the demands of the Commodore at that time.

Steps Off Boat-Is Robbed

Old Woman's First Impression Of Hongkong

IF IT is true that first impressions are the best, an old Chinese woman who arrived in the Colony from Macao this morning cannot have a great opinion of the place, for no sooner had she stepped from the boat, than she became the victim of a snatch-thief, who attempted to relieve her of her money which amounted to eleven Hongkong dollars and $75 in Chinese currency.

However, she was able to wear rose-coloured glasses a few minutes later when the thief was caught and arrested, and all but $10 of the money recovered.

The snatcher was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy later this morning, and sentenced to eight months' hard labour. It was revealed that a previous conviction had been registered against the 30-year-old man.

Sub-Inspector Flattery said that the victim of the robbery had just got into a ricksha when Chan Yau, the accused, came from behind and snatched the money from her hand.

The woman was holding the money as just before she had, according to the usual formalities, shown the police that she possessed the necessary $20 to allow her to land.

Magistrate Sees Constable Hit Woman

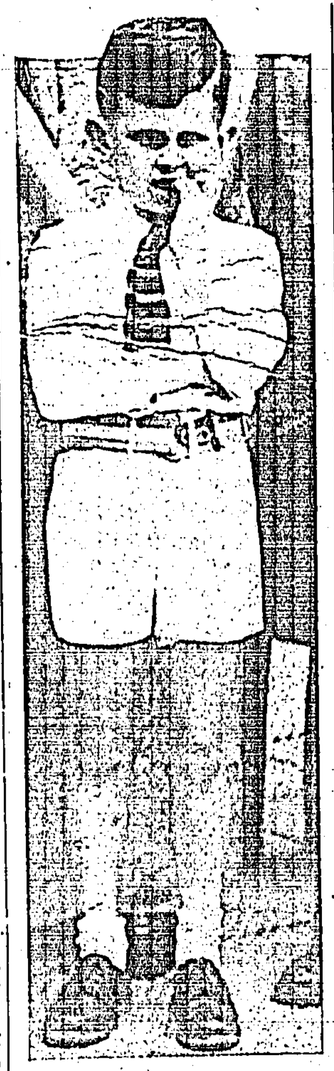
A CHINESE police constable hit a woman in the face with a piece of rolled paper because she was encroaching in the Central police court this morning, and for his pains was severely reprimanded by the magistrate, who also indicated that he would report the man.

The constable was in the dock in charge of the prisoners, and he was seen by the magistrate to hit a Chinese woman in the face, because, apparently, she approached the dock railings to see somebody going down to the cells.

The constable was sharply called to order by Mr. R. Edwards, the magistrate, who said: "You hit her in the face with a piece of paper. I saw you do it. You are a constable in the Hongkong police force, and it is your duty to set a good example to other people.

"In this Court, if you want to tell anybody to do anything, you can use words. There is no need to hit them."

The magistrate added: "I shall make a report of this."



THOUGHT!—This photograph of Master Roy Boyce, son of Captain and Mrs. Boyce, was taken at the christening this week of the daughter of Captain and Mrs. J. Taylor.— *Ming Yuen.*

Three Women Are Terrorised

Last Night's N.T. Outrage

A CHINESE widow and her two daughters suffered a terrifying experience at Lok Ma Chau in the New Territories last night, when five armed robbers forced their way into the hut, threatened the women with revolvers, and decamped with jewelry worth $146.20, as well as other articles, and some money.

The 58-year-old widow was lying awake in her rude hut when she heard the door being forced open. She called her two daughters, and together they endeavoured to keep out the intruders.

But the weight of the five robbers was too much and the door collapsed before them. Armed with revolvers, and carrying torches, the five men unceremoniously bundled the women out of the way, ransacked the hut, and finally got away with their booty.

The already terrified women were kept completely subdued by the threats of the men to do them bodily harm should they attempt to raise the alarm.

More Refugees In Colony

At last week-end Government camps in urban and rural areas of Hongkong were accommodating 12,297 refugees and destitute persons. These figures, which represent an increase of 492 over those for the previous week, have been supplied by the Director of Medical Services, Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke.

Kam Tin, with 4,037, houses the largest number. King's Park has 1,604, North Point 1,675, Ma Tau Chung 890, Fanling North 760, Fanling South 909, Gill's Cutting 678, Man Kam To 959, and Ma Tau Chung 771. There are now 14 patients in Lai Chi Kok Hospital as against 16 in the previous week.

Discrediting Dictators

LONDON, Apr. 17.

When he faces the House of Commons to-morrow, Mr. Chamberlain is expected to give Britain's renewed blessing to President Roosevelt's appeal to the dictators.

The "Yorkshire Post" conveys the dominant opinion here:

"Even though the President's appeal should fail in its primary purpose, it will still be of tremendous value.

"It will discredit Germany and Italy beyond all doubts in the eyes of the world in general and especially in the eyes of the American people, whose willingness to turn their sympathy to practical account must be so potent an influence in coming weeks and months," the paper says.

It is expected that members of Parliament on Tuesday will reveal their impatience for the rapid conclusion of the proposed arrangements with Russia and Turkey.—*United Press.*

(See Opinion—Page Six)

Woman's Cartwheel Hat Holds Up Court

A WOMAN'S black, cartwheel brimmed hat, which hid her face as she gave evidence, was commented on by Mr. Registrar Friend at Clerkenwell County Court, E.C., recently.

The registrar said: "This won't do, you know. I have not only got to hear your evidence, I have also got to see your face and study your demeanour as you give it.

"But your hat keeps all view of your face from me."

The woman, Miss Majories Moseley, manageress of a public house in Liverpool-road, London, N., smiled apologetically.

Then the solicitor examining her suggested:—

"Listen to my questions, but keep your eyes on the registrar."

That solved the problem, and the case went on.

A public lecture on Abyssinia will be given at the European Y.M.C.A. at 9 p.m. on Thursday by Lt. Col. H. B. Holt.

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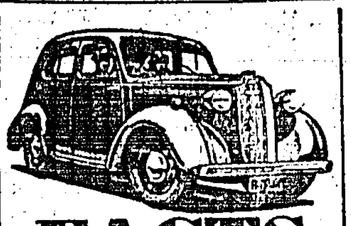

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America and Europe

ANYONE who has read the revelations in the war-time memoirs and letters of the late Colonel House, President Wilson's right-hand man who was instrumental in bringing the United States into the Great War, will see a great similarity in United States policy to-day with that of the period just before America declared war on Germany.

President Roosevelt's peace plea to Germany and Italy are parallel with a similar plea by President Wilson in 1916. Colonel House has revealed in his Memoirs that this appeal was made at the suggestion of the British Government. It needs no intelligence to see in the week-end move to place Hitler and Mussolini in awkward positions a similar genesis; especially when President Roosevelt's appeal is coupled with the sudden ordering of the entire U.S. Fleet to the Pacific, a move that can only be interpreted as a U.S. warning to Japan that it will not only be American interests that will be protected in the Pacific if war should come to Europe.

The United States has a solid Isolationist group which, though placed somewhat at a disadvantage by the knowledge that the Totalitarian threat is not only to Europe, is nevertheless by no means quiescent. Apart from the Isolationists there are the pacifist and neutrality groups, who are in the same position as the Isolationists in the present crisis. Then again there are the Germanophiles and Italophiles—a not inconsiderable group when it is considered that of the 13,360,000 foreign-born residents of the United States, 1,608,814 are Germans, 1,790,429 Italians and 370,914 Austrians.

What none of these groups realise is that, as was frankly admitted in the Memoirs of three of America's ablest men of the Great War period—President Wilson, Colonel House and Mr. Walter Page (the latter, a violent Anglophile, was war-time Ambassador to the Court of St. James'), a threat to Great Britain or France is a threat to the United States. Whatever may be the inclinations of that part of the American people represented by the Isolationists, the pacifists and the Anglophobes, there is not the slightest doubt but that a war between Democracy, as represented by Britain and France, and Totalitarianism, as represented by Germany, Italy or Japan, will force America on to the side of the former as an active partner. It is interesting to know that the decision to assure an Allied victory in the Great War was made by the United States as early as 1915 and, although America did not enter the war until 1917, it is a fact, revealed by both President Wilson and Colonel House, that Great Britain was informed as early as 1916 that America would enter on the Allied side if Britain requested her assistance. The request was never made by Britain; by 1917 public opinion in the United States had become so bitter against the Central Powers that American participation became a foregone conclusion.

To what extent public opinion has been revolted by recent aggression in Europe it is hard to estimate, but we believe that those Americans who have their fingers on its diplomatic and political pulse can see the writing on the wall. Recent events suggest that collaboration between President Roosevelt and the Democracies in Europe is as close to-day as it was between President Wilson and the Allies in the early stages of the Great War. Few Americans would admit that such collaboration existed in 1914-1916: few Americans admit that it exists to-day.

It is probable that secrecy succeeded in prolonging the Great War, since it is hardly possible that Germany would have ignored the early efforts at a termination of hostilities had she known that the United States was irrevocably committed to the Allied cause. Similarly, secrecy to-day may lead the prototypes of the militarists of a quarter of a century ago to acts of daring which may plunge the world into catastrophe, and which might well be averted if they are quite frankly told that aggression will be met with the combined force of all the world's democracies.

The Way People Act in a Crisis

ONE of the most conspicuous things about a crisis, such as the present, is that it turns a people—even so traditionally reserved a people as the English—into a nation of conversationalists.

It was observed in England during the early days of the Great War that strangers were everywhere talking to each other in the railway trains.

Men who, since their boyhood, had looked on every newcomer into their railway compartment as a hated intruder, now entered eagerly into conversation with whoever happened to be sitting opposite to them, even though he had "bore" written all over him.

"...an occasion for staring at the outside of Buckingham Palace."
—Picture taken during a previous crisis.

How long did he think the war would last? Were the Germans walking into a trap? Did he believe it was true that the Russians had been seen on their way through England to Belgium?

Longing for reassurance, the ordinary man felt more certain in his optimism if it was confirmed by a watery-eyed little man with a weak chin whose opinions in time of peace would not have been thought worth listening to.

The little man became an echo—a convincingly megaphoned echo—of one's own hopes. That was very cheering.

Men did not talk more freely than usual, however, merely in order to confirm their hopes and prove the emptiness of their fears. They talked because beneath their surface calm they were more excited than usual.

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HEIGHTENED excitement usually seeks relief in words. Heightened excitement turns a few men and women into poets. It turns the rest of the community into talkers.

You will always notice that the more exciting the occasion the easier it is to get into conversation with strangers. You are much more likely, for example, to find yourself talking to the stranger who is sitting beside you at the boxing match than to find yourself talking to the stranger who is sitting beside you in a bus.

That is because the atmosphere of a boxing match is—as a rule—so much more exciting than the atmosphere of a bus.

The same thing happens on occasions of accident or disaster. I am sure that thousands of Londoners found themselves talking to strangers as they watched the Crystal Palace blazing.

This may be partly explained by the fact that in presence of public disaster men are more conscious of their community than at normal times. They are no longer divided into sects and parties as they witness the havoc wrought by a great gale or the devastation of a flooded city. For the moment, in their awe—and, no doubt, in their curiosity—they are brothers.

It is this sense of community that, at time of crisis, takes men into the streets. At such times they feel more at home in a crowd than at their own firesides.

I am sure even the publichouses are more crowded as the result of the news from Europe. People feel somehow that in the loquacious company of other people it would be easier to make up their minds as to what the Government ought to do, or are going to do.

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MANY people even decided that this was an occasion for going and staring at the outside of Buckingham Palace, or No. 10 Downing Street. This gave them a sense of being at the very capital of the crisis. Here for the moment was the centre of the world.

I have never myself been able to take any satisfaction in staring for a long stretch of time at a familiar building merely because it was sensationally in the news. Thousands of people do so, however.

Possibly most of them go because they know so many other people will be there. There is nothing like a crowd for drawing a crowd.

The fact is, a crisis that is beyond his control makes the ordinary man feel rather helpless and also rather restless; and he can partly get rid both of his sense of helplessness and of his restlessness in the company of other people.

Not, indeed, that even at times of crisis the ordinary man's thoughts are preoccupied with the crisis during all his waking hours.

I imagine there were thousands of Englishmen who forgot for a few moments that there was such a thing as a crisis when they read the headline in their papers: "England's Collapse," the reference being, of course, to cricket. The ordinary man, even during a crisis, has a way of remaining as normal in his interests as the crisis will let him.

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I REMEMBER during the first month of the war taking a walk on Hampstead Heath and seeing a very serious-looking young man approaching from the opposite direction with a very serious-looking girl on his arm.

You would have judged from his appearance that the war was the one subject of his thoughts, but what he was saying to the girl as I passed them was: "I tell you what I like—cold bacon."

I doubt whether human beings could get through their crises so well if even in critical times they did not occasionally let their minds wander to thoughts of cold bacon. I am sure Dr. Johnson would have approved of that young man.

If you wish to see how the ordinary man refuses to allow himself to become crisis-ridden, you have only to go on a Saturday to any of the great football grounds in any part of England.

What is to be seen there does not mean that the ordinary man is indifferent to the crisis. It merely means that man—especially the ordinary man—cannot live by crises alone.

—R. L.

GRIN AND BEAR IT — By Lichty

"Butch Jones is a holdout this year—Since he moved outa the neighbourhood he won't sign a contract to play ball unless we pay his carfare over!"

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1889.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS FOR KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—The Steamship "BRECONSHIRE," Captain Doucaster, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 19th instant, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 18th April, 1889.

(The successor to the Breconshire of fifty years ago is now under construction at the Taikoo Dockyards.—Ed.).

25 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1914.

When the pigs begin to "fly" will no longer convey quite such a notion of impossibility, for at Hendon recently a pair of them enjoyed a crowded five minutes of more or less glorious life in a Bleriot monoplane, under the pilotage of Gustave Hamel, Mrs. Havis Davis was one of hundreds at the aerodrome recently to see famous skymen perform for the benefit of Marcel Desouter, the young Frenchman, who recently broke his leg in pursuit of the science of aviation. She had a couple of small black pet pigs with her, and, carrying one under each arm, she induced Hamel, who has had dogs and cats as his aerial companions before, to give them a thrilling sensation. They squeaked a little, were photographed a great deal, and amidst laughter from the group surrounding the yellow Bleriot, off they started, and five minutes later down they came quite safely.

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The last stage of a great telegraphic accomplishment is nearing completion as the cable ship Colonia makes her way from Singapore to Hongkong. The vessel is at present well on the way to these shores, laying the cable as she goes, and it is expected that the last piece of cable will be laid down on Wednesday next. Then Hongkong, will be in direct communication with Europe by submarine cable.

10 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1929.

The State Department has prepared an exhaustive review of the Monroe Doctrine and its applications, with a view to working out a new definition of the famous declaration of American policy with regard to the American continents.

5 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1934.

Germany's explanation of the heavy increases in her provisions for military purposes is that no rearmament is involved, the extra expenditure being for long-needed replacements.

The Note addressed by the German Foreign Minister to the British Ambassador in Berlin in the reply to the enquiry regarding the increases in the German naval, military and air estimates, was presented to the House of Commons by the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, in reply to a question.

The Note states that, in regard to the estimates for the army, 654.6 million Reichsmarks, which represents an increase of 172 millions, the "increased expenditure is necessary for the preparations due to take place in course of the budget year for the conversion of the Reichswehr into a short service army.

The Budget of the Air Ministry cannot be regarded as an armament budget. It consists of a budget for air transport and a budget for air protection. It is estimated that the expenses for air transport will amount to 160 million Reichsmarks against the previous year's 77 millions.

U.S. Accused of Giving Assistance to Japan

SENATE LISTENS TO PLEA FOR ARMS EMBARGO

WASHINGTON, April 17.

TESTIFYING BEFORE the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to-day, Doctor Charles Fenwick the expert on neutrality laws, urged the approval of Senator Thomas's resolution providing for an embargo against warring nations violating treaties with the United States.

"The Japanese war machine would bog down in a fortnight if the embargo was applied to Japan," he declared.

Senator Wallace White said China would be unable to benefit by the resolution because she has no ships.

To this Doctor. Fenwick replied that China would be able to obtain ships from such countries as Norway and Denmark.

"More harm has been done to international law and order through the United States co-operating with Japan than through some of the acts of the dictators," charged Dr. Fenwick.

WOULD DETER GERMANY

He added that he believed the Thomas resolution would "prove just enough to deter Germany from invading Poland" and thus prevent war.

Mr. Norman Thomas urged the House Foreign Affairs Committee not to give President Roosevelt greater discretion in the application of the neutrality laws. He specifically opposed Senator Pittman's revision and said the United States has disregarded the Neutrality Law in the Orient because its enforcement would hurt China and that in reality the United States had become Japan's partner by supplying her with more than 50 per cent. of the raw material necessary for war.

He warned that an economic war would surely lead to a military war.

"We might easily find ourselves even more preoccupied than Japan and Germany, partly because of the unnecessarily vulnerable position of the Philippines to whom we should have given their independence long ago".—*United Press.*

TWO-OCEAN NAVY DEMAND

Washington, Apr. 17.

Senator Walsh, chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Commission, today called for an expansion of the navy and air corps to "protect this nation against any eventuality."

He added: "We can no longer adequately defend a two-ocean nation with a one-ocean navy."

Senator Walsh simultaneously demanded revision of the Neutrality Act to prohibit all trade with belligerents after the outbreak of hostilities.

He further proposed that the Government refrain from taking sides, and expressing favour or disfavour in foreign arguments and disputes.

Drawing a parallel with the conditions prior to the entry of the United States into the World War, Senator Walsh warned the Senate that "to-day in similar fashion, propaganda is frantically and brazenly spread in order to embroil us in the present European disputes, which do not concern us, and appear certain to lead to another devastating war."

Discussing defence needs Senator Walsh said: "Destruction of the Panama Canal, for instance, might throw the present one-ocean navy system of national defence entirely out of joint."—*Reuter.*

Parliament Ready For Hot Session

Dozens Of Questions To Be Asked

LONDON, Apr. 17.

PARLIAMENT re-assembles to-morrow after the Easter recess, and a week later, on April 25, the Chancellor of the Exchequer will open his budget.

Questions to be addressed to Ministers in the House of Commons to-morrow cover a wide field, permitting statements upon all developments of importance in foreign and empire affairs, and at home.

The Prime Minister, in particular will be given opportunity to acquaint the House with the progress of negotiations in relation to the new situation in Europe, and with the views of the Government on events since the debate last Thursday.

He will be asked about President Roosevelt's peace message, and about the discussions with the Soviet Government, which are understood to be proceeding in a friendly and promising atmosphere.

The return of the Russian Ambassador in London to report to his Government, shows a desire on its part to be possessed of all information available to it in connection with these important consultations.

Other House of Commons questions on foreign affairs relate to Spain and the Far East.—*British Wireless.*

Hongkong Becomes Cooler

A decided fall in the temperature marked the weather for the last 24 hours. The maximum recording was 70 degrees, five degrees below that of the previous day, while the minimum touched 66, which was two degrees under Sunday's recording.

By 10 o'clock this morning the mercury had climbed to 73, while humidity registered 80 per cent.

Further light rain yesterday brought the year's total up to 9.20 inches, which is nearly half an inch better than the average.

According to the Royal Observatory, a weak anti-cyclone covers North China, Manchuria and Japan. A trough of relatively low pressure extends from Annam to Formosa. The shallow depression over Tongking is stationary.

Local forecast is:—East winds, moderate; cloudy.

Stock Market And Peace Appeal

London, Apr. 17.

The London Stock Exchange failed to share Wall Street's pre-weekend enthusiasm over President Roosevelt's peace drive, owing to the reception of of the President's appeal by the dictator countries.

Subsequently, however, the quiet downward drift of prices was arrested on news of the convocation of the Reichstag, which aroused hopes that Herr Hitler won't completely reject the peace move.

Industrials were well supported. Indian Irons, however, exceptionally weakened following the announcement of no interim dividend, owing to the international situation.

Gilt-edged securities rallied on late dealings, and oils benefited from Continental support. Among commodities, jute remained very firm despite Calcutta advices that rain was still wanted. Some speculative buying was apparent, values closing from 22/6 to 18/9 higher.

Wall Street was easy.—*Reuter Special.*

Gesture To U.S. Business

New York, Apr. 17.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation had reduced the interest rate on loans to business houses to four per cent.

The reduction is retrospective to April 1, and is believed to be part of the Government's business recovery programme.

Previously the interest rate was five per cent.—*Reuter.*

Germans Woo The Czechs

PRAGUE, Apr. 17.

A BIG campaign to get all citizens living in Bohemia and Moravia to join the new Czech United Party will be inaugurated on Sunday.

The campaign will include regular wireless transmissions designed to enlighten the non-German population in Bohemia and Moravia regarding the aims and objects of the new party.

Teachers and clergymen will be expected to play a leading part in this campaign, which will also include the distribution of 3,000,000 leaflets and 100,000 posters.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Palestine Problem

BRITISH PLANS FORECAST

New Concessions To Arabs

BEIRUT, Apr. 17.

REGARDING the new British proposals for a settlement of the Palestine problem, it is stated here that the British Government is not only prepared to reduce the duration of the transition period prior to Palestine becoming an autonomous Arab State, from 10 to five years, but also to agree to a definite cessation of Jewish immigration into Palestine after five years.

According to Arab circles, the British Government is willing to see a national Government established in Palestine immediately after termination of the insurrection.

However, it is pointed out that the new British proposals contain no mention of the prohibition of sale of land to Jews, and that the Grand Mufti's willingness to negotiation is conditional on the introduction of such a measure, just as much as on the reduction of Jewish immigration, which at present is fixed at 15,000 a year. This figure is regarded by the Arabs as altogether excessive.

British reports of the collapse of the insurrection movement are denied in Arab circles.—*Trans-Ocean.*

More Police For West Africa

Johannesburg, Apr. 17.

The first batches of police reserves from the Union of South Africa left Johannesburg and Bloemfontein today to augment the police forces in South-West Africa.

Altogether 200 police reserves from all parts of the Union are to be drafted to South-West Africa during the next few weeks, purely as a precautionary measure as a result of the present international tension.

The despatch of the police followed the announcement that General Smuts will introduce into the House Assembly on Wednesday, a Bill providing for the incorporation of the South-West African police in the South African police.

It is unofficially understood that the Bill intends to strengthen the police in South-West Africa as under the mandate, the Union Government is not allowed to take military measures.—*Reuter Special.*

Apparently due to the heavy rain which fell during the last two days, the roof of a house in Yu On Lane, near Second Street, collapsed last night. A section near the kitchen gave way, and a woman who was cooking at the time received slight injuries. She was removed to Queen Mary Hospital.

Malaya's £1,000,000 Gift Produces Press Eulogies

LONDON, Apr. 17.

THE PROJECTED motion of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements to offer Britain £1,000,000 for defence is very widely published in the Home press, and several newspapers to-day took the opportunity to append an imposing list of former Malayan contributions and voluntary defence measures locally.

In the course of a leader on defence in the Pacific, and the present conference in New Zealand, the "Times" referred parenthetically to Malaya as a "patriotic and resourceful Colony, which has just made another handsome contribution towards imperial defence."

The "Financial News" to-day concludes a long recital of Malaya's benefaction with that remark that this praiseworthy determination to shoulder a full share of Imperial Defence is not the result of a sudden impulse of patriotism or apprehension, but an expression of strong and unswerving loyalty to the Empire, and to the causes for which it stands. —*Reuter Special.*

BRITISH TRADE BETTER

March Figures Show Improvement

London, Apr. 17.

British overseas trade showed an encouraging improvement in March, when imports, at £77,976,374 showed an increase of £12,460,862 compared with February.

Exports totalled £41,634,577, an increase of £3,582,361 compared with February.

Compared with March last year, however, imports and exports showed decreases respectively of £6,877,275, and £520,790.—*Reuter Special.*

DECREASES EXPLAINED

London, Apr. 17.

The fall of £1,740,854 in exports for the first quarter compared with the same period last year was entirely accounted for by manufactured goods, for which there was a decline of £2,313,741, offset by an increase in food, drink, and tobacco.

The largest single item of decrease was in iron, steel, and manufactures thereof—£2,959,674, and next came cotton yarns and their manufactures —£1,585,373. Coal showed a fall of £409,708, although there was an increase of £959,876 compared with 1937.

Among manufactured goods which showed an increase was vehicles, including locomotives, ships and aircraft—a rise of £2,941,447, against the first three months of 1938.—*British Wireless.*

FINLAND TRADE PARTY

London, Apr. 17.

The trade delegation from Finland arrived in London to-day for a stay of about a fortnight, in the course of which they will have discussions with British industrialists, and will pay visits to many big industrial centres in the provinces.

The delegation was entertained to luncheon in the City to-day by the Anglo-Finnish section of the London Chamber of Commerce. Speaking at the lunch, Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade, referred to his recent visit to Finland, and said the welcome he received there he took to be a token of the very friendly feelings which the Finnish people entertained for the United Kingdom. He gave an assurance that the Government would follow with closest attention the talks which the delegation would have while in Great Britain.—*British Wireless.*

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS	
H.K. Banks, $	1,355 b.
H.K. Banks Lon. £	80 n.
Chartered £	7¾ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	27 n.
Mercantile, C. £	13 n.
East Asia $	80 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton $	222½ n.
Unions $	405 s.
China Underwriter $	1½ n.
H.K. Fire $	180 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglas $	75 b.
Steamboats $	13 n.
Indo-Chinas, P. $	60 n.
Indo-Chinas, D$	24 n.
Shell Bearers s/-	81/3 n.
Waterboats $ (x.d.)	8.40 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves $	100 n.
Docks $	15½ sa.
Providents $	4 n.
New Eng. Sh. $	6.70 n.
Sha. Docks, Sh. $	101½ n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	15/6 n.
Raubs $	8 b.
Venz: Goldfield $	3 n.
Hongkong Mines cts.	4 n.
Antamoks Ps.	.31 sa.
Atoks Ps.	.30 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps.	.23 sa.
Benguet Cons Ps.	10.80 sa.
Coco Grove Ps.	.31 sa.
Demonstrations Ps.	.13 sa.
I.X.L. Ps.	.52 sa.
Itogons Ps.	.22½ sa.
Camarines Ps.	.48 sa.
San Mauricio Ps.	1.72 sa.
Suyoc Consols Ps.	.15 sa.
Paracles Ps.	.58 sa.
LANDS	
Hotels $	5.30 n.
Lands $	32¼ sa.
Lands 4% deb. $	104 n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	8½ n.
Humphreys $	8.65 n.
H.K. Realties $	4.10 n.
Chinese Estates $	102 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams $	15.80 b.
Peak Trams (old) $	8 n.
Peak Trams (new) $	4 n.
Star Ferries $	67½ n.
Y. Ferries (old) $	25 n.
Y. Ferries (new) $	24 n.
China Lights (old) $	7.00 b. & sa.
China Lights (new) $	5.20 n.
H.K. Electrics $	53 b.
Macao Electrics $ (x.d.)	17 n.
Sandakan Lights $	12 n.
Telephones (old. $	22½ n.
Telephones (new) $	7¼ n.
Tractions s/-	22/- n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/-	22/- n.
INDUSTRIAL	
Cald: Macg. (ord.), Sh. $	14 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pre.), Sh. $	13 n.
Canton Ices $	1 b.
Cements $	13¼ n.
H.K. Ropes $	3.60 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms (ex. rts.) $	20½ n.
Dairy Farms (rts.) $	15¼ n.
Watsons $	7¾ n.
Lane Crawfords $	8 n.
Sinceres $	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.) $	42 n.
Powell, Ltd. cts.	80 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. $	10.00 n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	105 n.
Zoong Sings, Sh. $	30 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. $	40 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainment $	6.40 b.
Constructions, $	1¾ n.
Vibro Piling $	7 sa.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	
G.$ Bonds	62½% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	4% prm. n.
H.K. Govt. Loan 3½%	par n.
Marsmans (Lond.) s/-	13/3 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	5/- s.

MANILA SHARES

Closing quotations through Reuters:

	Bid Prices Afternoon Closing Apr. 17.	Bid Prices Morning Closing Apr. 18.
Antamok	.31	.32
Atok	.30	.29½
Baguio Gold	.23	.23
Batong Buhay	.015	.015
Benguet Cons.	10.00	10.00
Big Wedge	.25	.25
Coco Grove	.31	.31½
Cons. Mines	.0023	.0025
Demonstration	.13	.12½
I. X. L.	.52	.51
Ipo Gold	.10	Unq.
Itogon Mining	.22½	.22½
Mambulao Cons.	.14½	.14½
Masbate Cons.	.12	.12½
Mine Operations	.11	.10½
North Camarines	.48	.48
Paracale Gumaus	.14	.13
San Mauricio	1.72	1.74
Surigao Cons.	.20	.20
Suyoc Cons.	.15	.15½
Syndicate Invest.	.03½	.02½
United Paracale	.58	.59

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:

The Manila Gold Share market closed quiet with most issues unchanged from yesterday. Buying interest is still lacking. North Camarines and Syndicate Investment lost 3 and 1 centavo respectively, while San Mauricio showed a gain of two centavos. Yesterday's volume in Pesos amounted to 285,000.

Yet Another S'hai Murder

SHANGHAI, Apr. 18.

MR. Wang Hsien-ming, a junior official in the Nanking Reformed Government, was assassinated in French Concession last night.

The body was found in an alleyway next to a popular cinema, with deep knife wounds and bullet wounds.

Pinned on to the victim's clothes was a note signed by the "Society for the Extermination of Traitors," accusing the victim of being a traitor.—*Reuter.*

Congressmen And Film Stars To Testify

AMAZING CASE IN AMERICA

Alleged Philippine Bonds Fraud

NEW YORK, Apr. 17.

THREE members of Congress and a dozen prominent Hollywood film stars are expected to give evidence against Senor Felipe Nuencamino, Member of the Philippines Legislature, who has been released on $4,000 bail on a charge of "conspiring with William Buckner and others to use the U.S. Mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud."

Buckner, who claimed that he was the fiance of Loretta Young, the film-star, is accused with Neuncamino for an alleged fraud of $1,000,000 in the purchase and sale of Philippine Railway bonds.

The prosecution alleged against Buckner that bevies of Broadway night club girls were shipped to Washington by the promoters of the scheme to charm legislators.

NOTABLE FILM STARS MAY GIVE EVIDENCE

Film stars whose evidence may be asked include Cary Grant, Ronald Colman, Miriam Hopkins, Binnie Barnes, Bing Crosby and Herbert Marshall.

The case against Buckner and Nuencamino hinges on an unusual party Buckner is alleged to have staged for U.S. legislators so that they would take up the Philippine bonds.

The Broadway girls were brought to Washington to persuade the legislators to redeem the bonds at 50 per cent. of face value. At the time they were selling at 11 per cent.

Buckner passed through Hongkong en route to the Philippines after the party. He cabled from Manila: "Closed for 65 per cent."

Wall Street and other stock exchanges caused such a tornado around the bonds that the Securities Commission ordered a special investigation and the issue collapsed.

William Gillespie, another broker connected with the case, was also arrested.

ALLEGED BRIBE

According to G. W. Potter, U.S. Commissioner in the Federal Court, Nuencamino, the Philippines legislator, was to receive $50,000 as a bribe and his share of the speculative profits.

After the bonds rose from $14 to $31, President Quezon denied that the Government would purchase them. The prosecutor claimed that the public lost $1,000,000 as a result of the manipulation by Buckner, Nuencamino and Gillespie.

Nuencamino's Attorney, George C. Norton, drew attention to the fact that his client had gone voluntarily to the United States. On his advice, Nuencamino refused to testify before the Grand Jury.

Bail was set at $4,000. Nuencamino has not yet been indicted.—*United Press.*

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Japan Annexes Spratley Is.

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

Japan's annexation of the Spratley Islands off the coast of French Indo China, was promulgated in the "Official Gazette" to-day.

Under the date of March 31, the "Shinnan Gunto" (Spratley Islands) has been placed under the jurisdiction of the Government-General of Formosa and has been incorporated in the administrative district of the City of Takao, in the southern part of Formosa.

All Japanese newspapers this morning published the map of "Shinnan Gunto", and descriptions of the activities of Japanese nationals and interests in the China Sea group.—*Domei.*

LONDON, Apr. 17.—Six men, implicated in the murder of the British Consul in Mosul, Mr. Monck-Mason, were sentenced to-day by a court-martial in Baghdad to terms of penal servitude varying from eight to 15 years.—*Trans-Ocean.*

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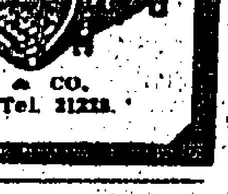

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Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with others?

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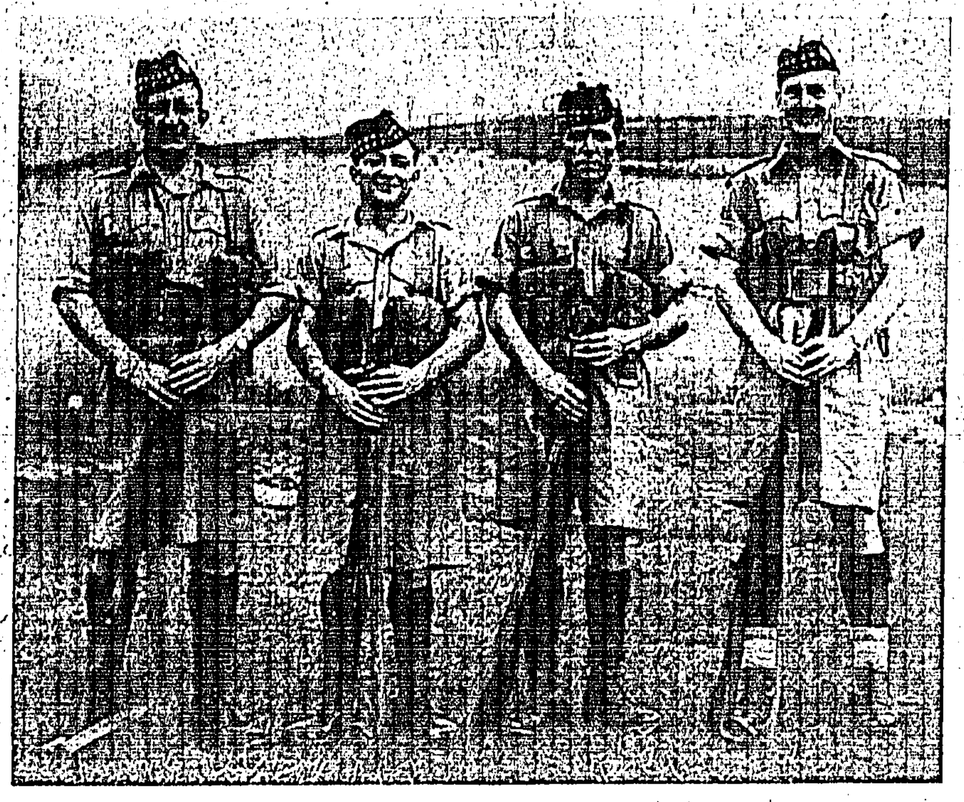
asterisk	transcision

English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

WINNERS FROM ROYAL SCOTS



Members of the "D" Company, Royal Scots, team which won the Falling Plate Competition last week in the "Bisley" meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association, held on the Army Ranges at Kowloon City.—*King's Studio.*

GOLF BALL CHANGE NOT DESIRED BY MAJORITY

"WHY MEDDLE WITH IT?"

London, March 22.

It is estimated that 1,000,000 people in this land play golf. That includes those who go out in 54 and then begin to lose their form. But whether they can play, or merely take exercise, all ranks of the golfing army are interested in the R. and A.'s cogitations on the proposed new ball.

The R. and A. have been poking and probing into this subject for years, but with a special committee appointed to consider making the game more difficult by introducing a lighter ball, it really looks as though business is meant this time.

Americans have been using a larger and lighter ball for a long time, but what's good for them might be thoroughly unpleasant for us, writes Geoffrey Simpson.

The more golfers one talks with on this subject, the more one is left thinking that a change in the ball is the most unwanted thing in golf. The usual reply is: "Why the blazes do they want to meddle with the game?"

Yet there seems a determination to make all our golf balls out of date and give us a fresh one that will spoil our temper.

TOO HARD ALREADY

The professionals and front-rank amateurs who beat records, with tournaments, and get their names in the papers can go their own sweet way.

They don't really matter. They are only a minority. For the rest of the hopeful million, golf is already too difficult, and any plan to make the game harder seems to them not only needless but crazy.

Moreover, they think it is bad policy to legislate for a minority, and the fact that a few people can drive a golf ball 300 yards is no reason to compel the rest of the week-enders to use a ball that will not travel so far.

The success of the lighter ball in America proves nothing. Look at the summer they get there, the hard, dry courses, the more favourable golfing climate!

There the ball runs more freely, as some of those fine-weather golfers discover when they pay us a visit and try our courses.

NOT LIKE U.S.

Put an American new to England on one of our seaside courses in a blustering wind and chilly temperature and he says, ruefully, "I've never known anything like this." Even the great Bobby Jones once took 88 at Sandwich. He was wearing three sweaters!

Take an average year, and I doubt whether we get more than three months of first-class golfing weather, when the air is dry and the ball travels well, and the greens are hard and fast.

Even then a club amateur who slams a ball for 250 yards thinks it is an occasion for drinks all round.

As for the present weather, look what the professionals have been doing in the *Daily Mail* tournament lately. There has been nothing wonderful about their scoring and few long drives.

Charles Whitcombe was given an honourable mention last week when at a 270-yards hole he drove to within a yard of the flag in perfect conditions.

What the R. and A.'s committee should do is to tour the clubs to see what the ordinary business man golfer is doing with the present ball. He's the fellow who counts.

I am sure the evidence they would collect would deter them from pressing for a more difficult golf ball. Most golfers think it is time the subject was dropped.

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BASEBALL SEASON COMMENCES

New York, Apr. 17.

The American Baseball season of 1939 has started.

To-day in the National League Pittsburgh Pirates defeated Cincinnati Reds by seven runs to five. The Pirates tallied 15 safe hits against the Reds' 10, but chalked up two errors in the field against the Reds' one.

The other scheduled match, between the New York Yankees and the Washington Senators in the American League, was postponed owing to rain.—*Reuter.*

HUNDRED YEARS OLD

New York, Apr. 17.

American organised baseball became 100 years old to-day when the 1939 season commenced.

Tight races for the pennants are in prospect in both Leagues, which will probably set an attendance record.

The Yankees are favoured to win the American League, and the Chicago Cubs the National circuit.—*United Press.*

Player Hurt In First Match

New York, Apr. 17.

Owing to the postponement of the match between the New York Yankees and the Washington Senators owing to rain, President Roosevelt must wait until Friday before throwing the first ball.

Billy Myers, the Cincinnati Reds' short-stop was hurt in the opening match of the season whilst playing against the Pirates. In the third inning, he was running to first base when he was struck on the head by a ball thrown by Brubaker, the Pirates' third-baseman.

Myers was carried from the field, suffering possibly from concussion.

The Pirates "showered" Van Der Meer with two runs in the second, and again "showered" Walters with four in the eighth in which eight batters went to the mound.—*United Press.*

England To Play India To-morrow

The semi-final match in the International Hockey Tournament between England and India will be played to-morrow on the Navy ground at 5.15 p.m.

The final will be decided on Sunday.

SATISFACTORY ENTRIES FOR THE 1939 TENNIS LEAGUE

TOTAL OF 43 TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE

Satisfactory entries have been received for the Hongkong Tennis League during the 1939 campaign, a total of 43 teams having been sent in by the various clubs in the Colony.

Seven teams have been entered for the "A" Division, nine for the "B", seven for the "C", 13 for the "D" and seven for the Mixed Doubles.

A feature of the entries is the number of teams entered for the "D" Division, which is likely to be congested unless some arrangement is made by the League whereby some of the stronger teams can be persuaded to take part in the "C" section.

It is pleasing to note that the Hongkong University are once again taking part in the "A" Division of the League. The undergraduates have been undergoing a lean period in sport, but indications now are not lacking that they will once more take their rightful place among the leading clubs of the Colony.

TEAM STRENGTHENED

This season they will have the services of Lim Thiam-tet, the Perak champion, who should aid them considerably to hold their own amongst the senior teams.

The Indian R.C., for the first time in many years, are not participating in the "B" Division this season. It is a wise move in view of their weakness last year when they were soundly trounced in most of their engagements. They have, however, put in two teams in the "D" Division instead of one as formerly.

In the Mixed Doubles, seven teams will participate in the League—a very satisfactory state of affairs indeed.

THE ENTRIES

The following are the entries:

"A" DIVISION

Club de Recreio, Chinese Recreation Club, Hongkong Cricket Club, Hongkong University Tennis Union, Indian Recreation Club, Kowloon Cricket Club and South China Athletic Association.

"B" DIVISION

Club de Recreio, Craigengower Cricket Club, Civil Service Cricket Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club, Kowloon Cricket Club (2), Kowloon Indians Tennis Club and South China Athletic Association.

"C" DIVISION

Club de Recreio, Craigengower Cricket Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Indian Recreation Club, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association, Radio and Postal Club and South China Athletic Association.

"D" DIVISION

Club de Recreio, Central British Association, Civil Service Cricket Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Indian Recreation Club (2), Kowloon Cricket Club, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association, Kowloon Indians Tennis Club, Radio and Postal Club, South China Athletic Association, Kowloon Docks Recreation Club and Young Men's Christain Association.

MIXED DOUBLES

Club de Recreio, Chinese Recreation Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club, Kowloon Cricket Club (2), Ladies Recreation Club and United Services Recreation Club.

John Henry Lewis For London

London, Apr. 17.

It is announced in London that John Henry Lewis is sailing from New York on Thursday to defend the world light - heavyweight boxing championship against the British champion, Len Harvey.

The fight will take place in London sometime in May.—*Reuter.*

Conditions For English Golf Tourney

Golfers who wish to enter for the English Native Amateur Championship—accounts of the play in this year's event at Birkdale Golf Course, Southport, are to be broadcast from Daventry—must satisfy two conditions before their entry forms can be accepted: they must be British subjects, and though they are admitted if they have played for England in an international match, they must not have done so for Scotland, Ireland, or Wales. In addition, no player with a handicap higher than three may compete. J. J. Pennink has been the champion in the last two years.

One of Lancashire's many charming courses, Birkdale, the scene of this year's match, provides an exacting test of golfing ability. The professional record for the course—seventy—is held by A. Padgham; the amateur record—seventy-two—by J. R. Smith. Bogey is seventy-six.

Transmission 2, April 28, 12.30 p.m. G.M.T.
Transmission 3, April 28, 3.45 p.m. G.M.T. and April 29, 3.45 p.m. G.M.T.

Is Roper Likely To Last Distance?

Los Angeles, Apr. 17.

Joe Louis, the heavyweight boxing champion of the world, will meet Jack Roper in a title fight over ten rounds to-night.

If the fight lasts the full ten rounds, it will be interpreted as an indication that Louis is slipping.—*United Press.*

CLEVER DISPLAY GIVEN BY SPIDER KELLY

By Fred Dartnell

London, Mar. 21.

"Spider" Kelly, British feather-weight champion, made his first London appearance at the N.S.C. tournament, Earl's Court, last night, when he outpointed Billy Charlton (Gateshead) over eight rounds.

Kelly, who won the British and Empire Feather-weight Championships by beating Benny Caplan, treated the crowd to some fast fighting, in which he outpointed the north-countryman with his swift footwork and clever two-handed punching.

Charlton usually forces the fight against his opponent, but he found much difficulty in catching the elusive Kelly.

It was fine, clean boxing and the crowd applauded now and then some spirited rallies.

KELLY'S SPEED

Charlton never gave up trying, although Kelly usually beat him to the punch with a left that flashed in and out like a rapier.

Speed was the chief characteristic of Kelly's display and with Charlton always doing something it was a most attractive contest of skill.

The seventh round caused the crowd to break into prolonged applause when both men waded in with some free hitting. Charlton got home one or two rights and Kelly kept closer than usual and rattled away with both hands.

The verdict in Kelly's favour was loudly cheered and never in doubt. His ringcraft was superb, but Charlton deserves great credit for making such a good fight of it.

In a very breezy bout Frank Parkes, the Midland feather-weight champion, outpointed Joe Connolly (Glasgow).

Parkes gave another of his tearaway, hustling displays against a nice compact little boxer with an attractive style. Connolly, one-time amateur champion of Scotland, naturally resorted a good deal to the straight left and he made Parkes miss quite frequently.

A CLEAR WINNER

With all his non-stop methods Parkes occasionally got in a very accurate straight left himself.

Parkes was a clear winner of a very good contest, and before the referee could signify his verdict in the usual way Parkes lifted his hand in the air to show his confidence that he had won.

Frank Hough (Battersea) outpointed Joe Quigley, the Irish cruiser-weight, who gained a decision over him recently.

Quigley is rather on the slow side, but bigger and stronger than Hough, who made good play in the early stages on the Irishman's stomach.

The referee cautioned the men for holding in the second round, Quigley replying resentfully, "It wasn't me."

The crowd could not complain of their entertainment. Hough forced his man to the ropes in the second round and handed out punishment to head and body, but Quigley caught him with a thumping right on the jaw and later in a wild flurry of hitting Quigley's eye was cut.

A LIVELY CONTEST

Johnny Ward, the lively Irish light-weight, drew with Tommy Hyams (King's Cross) in eight rounds. This was a terrific struggle between two men who battled away all the time with almost ferocious vigour.

In the third round Hyams fought with great fury, and with four rights in rapid succession he had Ward momentarily on the floor.

Hyams brought over a tremendous right cross in the fifth round and Ward went down for eight, and the bell probably saved him from a knock-out.

Both men were covered with blood, fighting their utmost. It was touch and go either way, and the verdict of a draw was the fairest that could be given.

In four-round contests Johnny Lyons (Aldgate) outpointed Jack Crowley (Forest Gate) and Sonny Elvin (Dagenham) outpointed Tommy Morgan (Reading).

Rugger League Ties At Home

London, Apr. 17.

The following were the results of matches played in the Rugby League to-day:

Bramley	3	Featherstone	11
Hull Kingston	19	Keighley	3
Warrington	30	Leigh	0

—*Reuter.*

Calls-Over Announced For Races

London, Apr. 17.

The following is the latest call-over for the City and Suburban Stakes:

9/2 Pigskin (o), 5/1 (t)
13/2 Taran (o)
7/1 Mormond Hill (o), 15/2 (t)
7/1 Halcyon Gift (o)
7/1 Unbreakable (o)
10/1 Agincourt (o)
100/9 Bistolfi (o)
100/8 Rodeo (o)
100/8 Esquemeling (o)
100/7 High Rank (o)
100/7 Oven (o)
100/6 Portefeuille (o)
25/1 Croiseun (o)

—*Reuter.*

DERBY CALL-OVER

London, Apr. 17.

The following is the latest call-over for the Derby:

10/2 Fox Cub (o), 10/1 (t)
10/1 Signal Light (o), 100/9 (t)
100/9 Blue Peter (t. and o.)
100/6 Dhoti (o)
20/1 Foxbrough (o), 22/1 (t)
40/1 Triguero (o)

—*Reuter.*

Home Football

WEDNESDAY HELD TO A DRAW

London, Apr. 17.

Sheffield Wednesday's bid to regain First Division status in the English Football League received another partial setback to-day when, following their drawn match against Notts Forest on Saturday, they were held to another draw by Fulham. This time Wednesday played away.

At the moment, Wednesday are a point ahead of Luton and are in second position to Blackburn Rovers, but they have played one match more than Luton.

The following are the results of matches played in the League to-day:

SECOND DIVISION

Fulham	2	Wednesday	2

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Bristol R.	1	Crystal Pal.	2
Cardiff	4	Notts County	1
Clapton O.	3	Torquay	0

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Hull	2	Southport	1
Oldham	3	Stockport	1

—*Reuter.*

Tennis

Interesting Quarter-Final Match To-day

One of the best matches in the tournament is down for decision to-day when S. A. Rumjahn meets Lim Thiam-tet in the quarter-finals of the Colony Tennis singles championship on the stand court at the Hongkong C.C.

The Perak champion has already disposed of some useful local exponents, amongst them E. C. Fincher, and may be expected to give another good display to-day. Unfortunately for him, however, he was indisposed last week, and may have not recovered fully to give of his best to-day. He will need to be on top of his form if he is to beat Sirdar, who is one of the most tenacious players in the Colony and who never considers himself beaten until the last point has been lost.

WATCHING THE SCORES.—H.E. Excellency the G.O.C., Major General A. E. Grasett (with back to camera), Major G. P. Murray (Hon. Secretary of the H.K. Rifle Association) and, Brigadier J.T.W. Reeve (right), studying the scores on the Army Range during the "Bisley" meeting of the Association.—*King's Studio.*

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller

REVIVAL OF INTERPORT POLO ENVISAGED

Singapore Army Team To Visit Manila For A Series Of Matches

Manila, Apr. 11.

A revival of Far Eastern interport polo competitions will be witnessed this month as plans of the Manila Polo Club will find crystallization in the acceptance by the Royal Artillery polo team from Changi, Singapore, of the Club's invitation to play a series of games here. The British polo squad is scheduled to arrive in Manila April 21 and will play a series of three matches at Forbes Field starting April 23.

It has long been the desire of the Manila Polo Club to foster a series of games between the Club teams and those representing other clubs in the Orient. It will be recalled that 15 or 20 years ago interport matches were held between the Manila Polo Club quartets and teams from Hongkong. The Royal Artillery four will be the first team ever sent to Manila from Singapore and may be the beginning of an enlarged interport competition.

The Singapore squad is composed of Major Phillips, Capt. Nicoll, Capt. Mitchell and Major Paterson, all 2-goal handicap players. They will be guests of the Manila Polo Club during their visit here.

The visitors will open their series here on Sunday April 23 against the Headquarters Philippine Department quartet. On April 26 they will tackle Jack Zobel's Calatagans and then they will conclude their series against the Manila Polo Club Yellows on April 30.

IN FINE FETTLE

The local teams have just concluded a series of tournament matches and are in fine fettle to take on the visitors. Between now and the coming series they will hold a series of warming-up matches at Forbes Field, which will be the scene of the interport series.

The revival of the interport polo matches will increase the popularity of the game which has gained tremendously in popularity in the past five or six years. Every season polo stars from abroad have come to Manila to participate in matches with local teams. The Los Tamaraos Club has been responsible for bringing a high goal team from Australia and one from California. The California team is still here.

The Army has also played a big role in providing competition in polo here. During the incumbency of General Frank Parker, former commanding general of the Philippine Department, some of the Army's outstanding polo players were brought here and competed in local tournaments.

The visit of the Singapore quartet may be the beginning of an annual Far Eastern polo championship in which Manila, Hongkong, Shanghai, Singapore, Australia and, possibly, India may vie for honours.

UNDER BID and Kilstar leading the Grand National field after clearing the water jump.

Rain Fails To Dampen Competitors' Spirits At "Bisley" Meeting

Continuous rain inconvenienced but in no way dampened the spirits of competitors who attended the fifth day of the Hongkong Rifle Association's 1939 Bisley Meeting held at the Kowloon City Rifle ranges yesterday.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote did not visit the ranges in the afternoon as he had intended.

Bad weather in the past few days has prevented many of the events being competed, and as a result the prize distribution which was to have taken place yesterday has been postponed to May 14.

In spite of the rain competitors were on the ranges by 9 a.m. yesterday to watch and participate in the first event. There was good light but wind, described by the majority of the shooters as "tricky," slightly hampered the accuracy of some of the competitors.

The dismal weather did nothing to prevent keen and close competition and the standard of shooting was very good.

All the competitions which have been held over will be fired off on May 14.

Following are the results of Sunday's and yesterday's meetings:

The 'First Stage Aggregate'.—1, Cadet Carey (H.K.N.V.F.), 2/Lt. Dawson (1/Middlesex), and P.O. Swan (R.N.), all 98, (to be shot off); 4, Sgt. Heap (R.N.R.S.) 97; 5, S/Lt. Morahan (H.K.N.V.F.) 96; 6, Austin (D.R.C.) 96; 7, E.R.A. Templeton (R.N.) 96; 8, L/C. Langford (1/Middlesex) 95; 9, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) 95; 10, Lt. Otmy (R.E.) 94; 11, P.O. Clarke (R.N.) 94; 12, Sgt. Gowans (H.K.P.) 94.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Sub-Inspector Chan (H.K.P.R.) 94; L/Sgt. Nunn (R.E.) 94; Boutilon (D.R.C.) 94; Lt. Le Selleur (R.E.) 93; Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.) 93.

(a) Clay-Bird Daily Competition, (Open Singles).—1, Lt. R. Ashly (H.K.N.V.F.) 30 Birds Single Rise; 2, Capt. Hyde (Manchester Regiment) 30 Birds Single Rise.

(b) Handicap Singles.—1, Lt. Bateman (H.K.N.V.F.); 2, Capt. Newton (Middlesex).

(c) Doubles.—1, Lieut. Ashly (H.K.N.V.F.); 2, Capt. R. Hyde (Manchester Regiment).

Bagshot Competitions, Class X (S.R.a)—1, Gilman (D.R.C.); 2, Sgt. Steer (R.S.), (after shoot off); 3, Cpl. Maghan Singh, (H.K.P.) 26.

Consolation Prizes (3).—Pte. Harman (H.K.V.D.C.) 28; Col. Morris (R.S.) 26, Pte. Scott (R.S.) 27; Cpl. Naran Singh (H.K.P.) 27.

Bagshot Competition, Class X (S.R.b).—1, 2/Lt. Dawson (1/Middlesex) 17; 2, P.O. Clarke (R.N.) 16; 3, Cadet Carey (N.V.F.) 16; 4, Austin (D.R.C.) 32; 5, Lt. Le Selleur (R.S.) 32; 6 S/Lt. Morahan (N.V.F.) and Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.) 32.

Consolation Sweepstake.—Sgt. Chau (H.K.P.), C.S.M. Maslem (R.E.), Sgt. Rushman (N.R.S.), Sgt. Bateman (N.V.F.), Sgt. Cooper (1/Middlesex), Sgt. Perkins (H.K.P.), all 31.

Bagshot Competition

Bagshot Competition, Class M, (S.R.a).—1, Sgt. Green; 2, E.R.A. Shoreland (R.N.), (after shoot off); 3, Lieut. Rowe (R.N.) 29; 4, L/Cpl. Ewens (R.A.O.C.) 28; 5, Pte. Rymer (1/Middlesex) 27; 6, Lieut. Russell (R.E.) 26; 7, A.C.I. Gash (R.A.F.) 26.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—L/C. Hitchcock (R.S.), Cpl. Brown (R.S.) and A.B. Lawson (R.N.) all 25; Bdm. Sharrock (R.S.) and C.S.M. Stanford (R.S.) both 24.

Bagshot Competition, Class M. (S.R.b).—1, Lt. Otway (R.E.) 33; 2, Sgt. Gownas (H.K.P.) 32; 3, L/Sea Martingale (R.N.) 32.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Major Syme (2/R. Scots), Sgt/Instr. Ritchie (H.K.P.), and P.S.M. Milne (2/R. Scots) all 31.

Sibeira Competition

The Sibeira Competition, Class M. (S. R. a).—1, Lt. Russell, (R.E.) 42; 2, Lt. Rowe (R.N.) 40; 3, Sgt. Green (2/R.S.) 40; 4, Sgt. Sargent (H.K.P.) 40; 5, Spr. Allo (R.E.) 37; 6, E.R.A. O'Shea (R.N.) 37; 7, Cpl. Freemand (2/R.S.) 36.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—L/Sto. Smith (R.N.), and Bdms Shanock (2/R.S.), both 35; E.R.A. Shorland (R.N.) 34; L/C Hitchcock (2/R.S.) 33; Spr. Rumery (R.E.) 33.

Sibeira Competition, Class X (S.R. a).—1, Capt. Carless (R.N.S.) and Spr. Albone (R.E.), both 40 (to be shot off); 3, F/Sgt. Tollison (R.A.F.) 39.

Consolation Sweepstakes—Bdms. Geary (1/Middlesex), Pte. Scott (2/R.S.) and Sgt. Pan (H.K.P.R.), all 36.

The Sibeira Competition, Class M. (S.R. b).—1, Lt. Otway (R.E.) 46; 2, Major Syme (2/R.S.) 45; 3, E.R.A. Classey (R.N.) 45.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—P/Sgt. Wong (H.K.P.R.) 44; P/Sgt. Hoo (H.K.P.R.) 43.

The Sibeira Competition, Class X (S.R. b).—1, E. R. A. Keiller (R.N.) 2, P.O. Swan (N.R.S.) 45, 3, E.R.A. Stephens (N.R.S.) 45; 4, C.P.O. Davey (R.N.) 45; C/Sgt. Hale (1/Middlesex), 45; 6, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) 44; 7, Sub/Lt. Bateman (H.K.N.V.F.) 44.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Sgt. Pennell (H.K.P.) P/Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.), Sgt. Chan (H.K.P.R.), and L/C. Henderson (2/R.S.), all 44; Lt. Holmes (H.K.V.D.C.) and Sgt. Chan (H.K.P.R.) bdth 43.

"H.E. The Governor's Cup" (S.R. a. b. Final 20).—1, P.O. Swan (N.R.S.) 234; 2, E.R.A. Keiller (R.N.) 232; 3, P/Sgt. Thong (H.K. P.R.) 232; 4, Lt. Otway (R.E.) 231; 5, Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.) 229; 6, E.R.A. Templeton (R.N.) 228; 7, Austin (D.R.C.) 227; 8, 2/Lt. Dawson (1/Middlesex) 227; 9, Lt. Le Selleur (R.E.) 227; 10, Sgt. Heap (N.R.S.) 227; 11, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) 226; 12, Sub-Inspector Chau (H.K.P.R.) 226; 13, Cadet Carey (H.K.N.V.F.) 225; 14, Cpl. Cole (N.R.S.) 225; 15, Sgt. Gowans (H.K.P.) 224; 16, Sgt. Cooper (1/Middlesex) 224; 17, P/Sgt. Chan (H.K.P.R.) 224; 18, C.S.M. Hnslem (R.E.) 224; S/Lt. Bateman (H.K.N.V.), C/Sgt. Hale (1/Middlesex), L/C. Langford (1/Middlesex) and E.R.A. Stephens (R.N.), all 223 (to shoot off for the last two places).

Team Revolver Match.—1, Hongkong Police "A" Team, represented by Insp. Hopkins 34, Cpl. Charan Singh 32. Cpl. Mughar Singh 32, Sgt. Perkins 28, Sgt. Gowans 27, and Sub-Inspector Ritchie 21. Total 174; 2, Hongkong Police Reserve, represented by L/Sgt. Hoo 33, P/Sgt. Wong 30, P/Sgt. Chan 20, S/Insp. Chau 20, P/Sgt. Thong 25, Insp. Lole 22. Total: 164.

"The R.E. Officers' Cup".—1, Lt. Russell (R.E.) 254.

Revolver Shooting

The Individual Revolver Competition.—1, L/Sgt. Tansley (Ex H.K.P.R.) 35; 2, P.C. Charan Singh (H.K.P.) 33; 3, Sgt. Rushman (R.M.) 33.

Association Medallists (S.R. a. b.).—1, Cadet Carey (H.K.N.V.F.) 33.

China Fleet Challenge Cup.—1, Naval Range Staff, Stonecutters, 469.

Allcomers Aggregate.—1, P.O. Swan (N.R.S.) 248; 2, E.A. Gilpin (4 S.M.) 246; 3, Capt. Guscott (1/Middlesex) 246; 4, Sgt. Russell (N.R.S.) 245; 5, P/Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.) 244; 6, Lieut. Le Selleur (R.E.) 244; 7, E.R.A. Keiller (R.N.) 243; 8, Lieut. Otway, (R.E.) 242; 9, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) 242; 10, Austin (D.R.C.) 241; 11, Sgt. Gowans (H.K.P.) 240; 12, Sgt. Heap (N.R.S.) 240.

Second Stage Aggregate.—1, E.R.A. Keiller (4 S.M.) and P/Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.), both 139 (to be shot off); 3, Lieut. Otway (R.E.) 137; 4, Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.) 137; 5, P.O. Swan (N.R.S.) 136; 6, C.P.O. Davey (4 S.M.) 136; 7, S.R.A. Classey (4 S.M.) 136; 8, Capt. Guscott (1/Middlesex) 134; 9, Lt. Le Selleur (R.E.) 134; 10, C/Sgt. Hale (1/Middlesex) 133; 11, P/Sgt. Chan (H.K.P.R.) 132; 12, S/Insp. Chau (H.K.P.R.) 132.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—C.S.M. Maslem (R.E.) 132; E.R.A. Stephens (4 S.M.) Sgt. Pennell (H.K.P.) S/Lt. Bateman (N.V.F.) and Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) all 131.

The Council Cup.—1, P.C. Charan Singh (H.K.P.) 33; 2, Sgt. Pennell (H.K.P.) 32; 3, Surg-/Lt. Mackie (H.K.N.V.F.) 31; 4, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) 31; 5, E.R.A. Gilpin (R.N.) 31; 6, Sgt. Cooper (1/Middlesex) 31; 7, Sgt. Perkins (H.K.P.) 31.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Major Syme (2/R.S.), C/Sgt. Hale (1/Middlesex) and Sgt. Heap (R.N.S.), all 31; P/Sgt. Wong (H.K.P.) 30; Comdr. Hill (R.A.O.C.) 30; E.R.A. Keiller (R.N.) 29; Insp. Lole (H.K.P.R.) 29; Blake (D.R.C.) 29.

S.R. Championship.—1, C.S.M. Maslem (R.E.) 94; 2, Spr. Calebroke (R.E.) 93; 3, P.O. Swan (N.R.S.) 92; 4, Cpl. Cole (N.R.S.) 90; 5, Maj. White (2/R.S.) 86; 6, Cpl. Morris (2R.S.) 86; 7, L/C. Keiller (1/Middlesex) 83; 8, L/Sgt. Nunn (R.E.) 80; 9, L/Sgt. Jones (R.E.) 80; 10, L/Cpl. Bullen (2 R.S.) 79.

The Platoon Match.—1, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles, 268; 2, "C" Coy, 2nd Royal Scots.

LATE RESULTS

The Grand Aggregate was won by Petty Officer Swan, R.N. Range staff, Stonecutters; the Founder's Prize was won by E. R. A. Gilpin, 4th submarine Flotilla; The Long Range Aggregate was won by Bandmaster Kifford, Middlesex; the Association and Services Rifle Championship was won by C. S. M. Maslem; the S. R. A. Championship Aggregate was won by L/c. Tam, Hongkong Police Reserve; and the Steel Coulson Trophy by the Hongkong Police.

STARTING TIMES

The following are the starting times arranged by the Kowloon Golf Club for the Summer Cup competition, which will be played on Sunday:

9.00 a.m. W. C. Simpson and A. Eastman
9.04 a.m. W. Kershaw and A. E. Davies,
9.08 a.m. T. Lamb and W. Bastin,
9.12 a.m. F. A. Hill and A. A. Lopes,
9.16 a.m. F. C. Barry and G. Milne,
9.20 a.m. W. Ahern and E. D. da Roza,
9.24 a.m. B. Basto and A. T. Godfrey,
9.28 a.m. S. Jex and R. J. Wallace,
9.32 a.m. T. Henderson and M. L. da Roza,
9.36 a.m. E. O. Murphy and A. J. Dennis,
9.40 a.m. R. K. Collings and A. N. Other.

HEALTH BULLETIN

Small-Pox and Cholera In India

Three cases of Small-pox, one each of Diphtheria and Chicken-pox, two each of Typhoid and Dysentery, five each of Measles and Meningitis and 47 of Tuberculosis were reported for the 48 hours ended on Sunday.

Foreign Report

The Health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended April 8, shows the following infectious diseases:

Cholera.—Bassein 1 case; Calcutta 219 cases and Smud Prakar, (Siam) 7 cases.

Small-pox.—Jodhpur 8 deaths, Delhi City 36 cases, Bombay 14 cases, Calcutta 186 cases, Madras 30 cases, Rangoon 2 cases, Hanoi 1 case, Hongkong 9 cases and Shanghai 18 cases.

INDOOR BOWLING

Second Stage Of Third Round Of Ewo League

In a third round, second stage, Ewo League match played at the Hongkong Bowling Alleys yesterday, "Hongkong Wonders" beat the "Optimists" by 213 points. Scores:

"Hongkong Wonders"					
M. Talan	102	160	154	470
L. Caddi	103	131	172	406
J. Landolt	148	147	147	442
A. Goldau	130	109	188	427
Total				1,811
"Optimists"				
S. A. Ismail	155	150	124	429
R. W. Manby	126	123	102	411
G. Chow	144	133	121	398
L. D. Skinner	103	131	124	360
Total				1,598

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 22nd April, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. **Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.**

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 NOON.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
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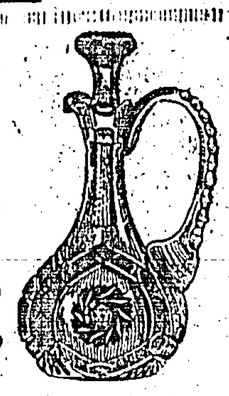
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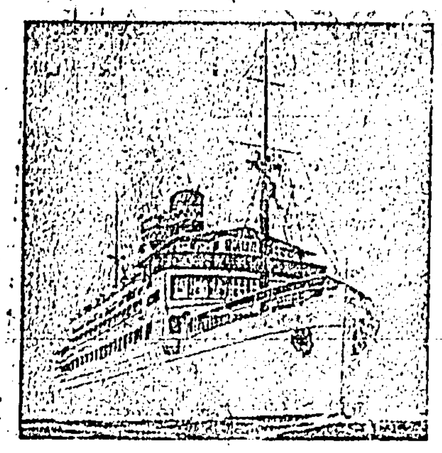

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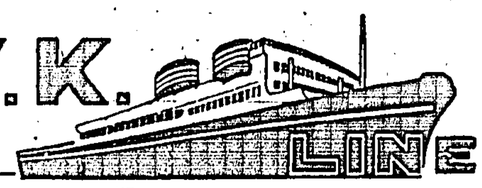

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Some Like Them High, Some Low

The waistline is more provocative in this season's fashions than it has been for many a day, because it varies so greatly. These dinner gowns, with the waistline from the high Empire to the low Mediaeval one just at the hips, shown in the two gowns at left, reveal how transient it really is.

The most popular waistline—the lower version—is shown above. Fuchsia and light blue are the two colours so strikingly used in this long sleeved dinner gown of silk and acetate. The low waistline dips down in a point to give a suggestion of back fullness to the skirt.

Gowns Fitted at Hipbone, Day Skirts Rise to Knee

NEW YORK—You might know that the waistline would not be permitted to stay put. The old struggle between the high and low waistline is on. Some like them high, some like them just where they are now which is where nature decided one's waistline, if any, should be.

The Directoire influence, or trend, is the latest excitement in quarters from which lovely evening dresses stem, but the raised waistline, although new and exciting, is not as general in its acceptance as the normal or the lowered line. Remember that the wide gypsy girdle is the current favourite and that the straight line dress, while good, is second best in any popularity contest.

Two Fabrics Are Best

Waistlines, at a recent fashion show wavered up the scale from their natural anchorage to form corselets accenting the entire midriff. Or they stayed where they belonged, but were cinched in energetically for the sake of the silhouette that diminishes the belt to increase the hipline, in the Gibson girl tradition. Neither is as new as the definitely shoved-down waistline, at present hovering in the vicinity of the hipbone.

Skirts have swirled and flared and billowed endlessly these past few years, but a different note crept in among a group of dresses, sponsored in the main by Schiaparelli, which were so tight and so straight, even in the daytime group, that they kept the mannikins teetering to remain erect. There was no hobble effect, merely an extreme brevity of yardage.

It must also be remembered that the costume which is fashioned of either two fabrics or two colours, sometimes both, lends, and that the waistline forms the great divide. Such being the case, the wise woman has them meet at the level which is kindest to her figure.

Skirts at 17 to 20 Inches

Sleeves remain short and on the full side at the shoulders. Skirts remain short or are shorter, according to the individual. From 17 to 20 inches from the floor, say most authorities, but there are lengths extreme and impossible for the average woman.

Considering the width and brevity of the average skirt and the width of the average shoulder, it stands to reason that waists will appear smaller.

Surprisingly enough, hats are a weeny bit bigger and considering their size are abundantly trimmed. The stove-pipe crown seems to be drawing well, but there are all sorts of funny crowns, as you know. Bonnets are an adventure into which the more daring plunge head first.

Rating high as an informed favourite in evening fashions at Palm Beach is the blouse and skirt costume. One of the most frequently seen versions of this fashion is a black knife-pleated chiffon skirt teamed with a long-sleeved white chiffon shirtwaist. Generally this shirt top is tailored, perhaps with stitched-down tucks at the shoulder releasing the soft blousy fullness through the bodice. Buttons may be self-covered or pearl. Occasionally some sort of sparkling belt is worn with this, less often a coloured sash.

Our "Coalie-Flower" Is Thriving

AS a horticulturist I have never been in the first rank, but I flatter myself that when it comes to raising a "coalieflower" my efforts are by no means contemptible.

Perhaps it is a little early to speak, of course. Ours is only two days old, and I have only fed it once; but it is already an object of considerable admiration, even by those visitors who say, "How pretty that pink stuff is in that glass bowl; but why do you have two lumps of coal among it?"

Quite possibly, you already know what a "coalie-flower" is; many of the households here seem to be cultivating at least one. Apart from the fact that it is no more a flower than my hat is, and that it bears only a superficial resemblance (as yet) to a cauliflower—an unusually gaudy cauliflower at that—the name is admirable. Had I invented it myself, I should have been more than pleased to hit on such a happy pun. That, however, is by the way. It is not the name that counts; it is the "coalie-flower."

I was only given the recipe recently and having at once rushed out and bought the necessary quantities of red ink, ammonia, and powder blue, I dashed back to the house and selected coal with great care. Normally, when I visit the coal bunker, which is outside the house, I hurry over the business of chucking lumps of coal into a bucket. The worse the weather, the more I hurry, and I never care a hoot about the appearance of the coal, or the size of the pieces, provided it is not obviously mere stone, and is not too big to get on to the fire.

A Connoisseur in the Cellar

On this occasion, however, cold though the weather was, I selected the coal like a connoisseur, visualising how it would look when it had acquired that singularly beautiful growth which I hoped it would acquire.

I spent some time in arranging the lumps of coal, in what seemed to me a decorative manner, in a glass dish originally intended for holding trifles and other confections.

Then, having mixed salt and water with the other ingredients, I poured the mixture over the coal. As I had been told to see that every piece of coal was thoroughly wet I had to disarrange the whole collection before I managed to get every piece soaked. In the end, however, I had built up about as pretty a little heap of wet pieces of coal as you ever saw in a glass trifle dish.

Watching it Grow

Then I put it in front of the fire, and my wife and I sat down on each side of the fireplace and gazed at it. Anyone coming in at that moment—anyone unaware of the "coalie-flower" cult—would at once have concluded that we were overdue for the nearest lunatic asylum, but that's a stage which everyone has to pass.

At the end of an hour and a half during which neither of us had been able to settle down to any other work, my wife suddenly became very excited, and pointed, speechless, at the "coalie-flower." Could it be a pink spot on one of the pieces of coal? Could it? Yes, it was! And that was the beginning of our "coalie-flower."

As I said before, we have only had it for two days. But there is a wonderful growth for those two tell-tale pieces of coal on top, which have not become infected yet.

We live, however, in hopes, for we have been told that patience is required—patience, and a fatherly conscientiousness about giving the "coalie-flower" its simple repast, every second day, of salt and water. To-day, with care, it may live for years. So what with the dog, and the gold-fish, and the "coalie-flower," the house is full of life these days.

The only question is, Will the coal burn when we have got tired of seeing it as a "coalie-flower"?

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

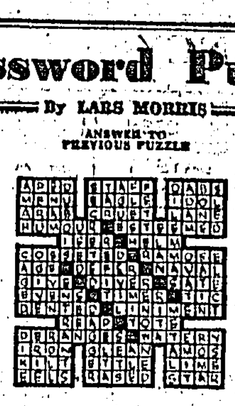
ACROSS

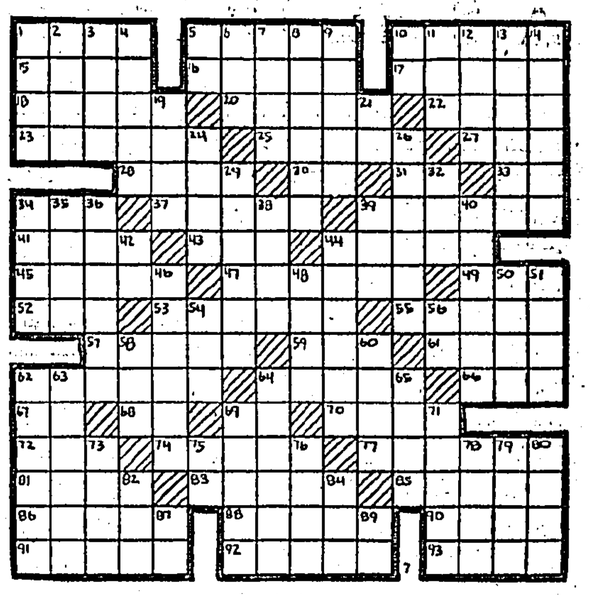
1—Combining form: night
6—Body of assistants
10—Most highly prized part
15—Constituent of steel
16—One who measures by steps
17—African district
18—South winds in Chile
20—Picture of worshiped object among Indian tribes
22—Chicken house
23—Brings into vigorous action
25—Goes up
27—Eat supper
28—Melody
30—Silkworm
31—During
33—Tellurium
34—Pitch
37—One of magnet's poles
39—Latin toast used by Germans
41—Baking chamber
43—International conflict
44—Having thin, sharp tone
46—Positively not
47—One of planets
49—Prefix: between
52—Suffix used after name of countries
53—Medicinal liquid injections
55—Not intoxicated
57—More mature
59—Employ
61—Cry of warning used in golf
62—Subordinate dish between courses of meal
64—Restrain within fixed limits
66—Solution used in making soap
67—Perform
68—Half an em
69—Dad
70—Hebrew month
72—Former Japanese statesman
74—Labors arduously
77—Looks fixedly
81—Rubber wheel rim
83—Taste
85—Fireside
86—Sea
88—Post at end of stair-rail
90—Hireling
91—Takes repose
92—Birds of given region
93—Exploit

DOWN

1—Department in France
2—Essential question
3—Suffix of generation
4—Possessing inertia
5—Spain (abbr.)
6—Make race
7—Acidity of stomach
8—Object of blind affection
9—Of pleasing coolness
10—Metric unit of volume (abbr.)
11—Mythological bird
12—Man's name
13—Tropical rodent
14—Rag doll
15—Make helpless from astonishment
21—Myself
24—Collection of ice crystals
26—Warning signals
29—Detecting device
32—Affirmative gesture
34—Bound suitably
35—Maintains to Virgin
36—Turn back, as toward former state
38—Mine vehicle
39—By means of
40—Emblem
42—Noon
44—Communist nation
46—Experience sorrow for sin with desire to amend
48—Stretched right
50—Affected by fear
51—Woody plant
54—With maiden name of
56—From
58—Wrath
60—Finishes
62—Head of publication
63—Advertisement
64—One who heals with ointment
65—Makes as cogma
69—Descendant of harpsichord
71—Ravished
73—Raw metal deposits
75—Alone
76—Planted
78—Get up
79—Bird of prey
80—Origin of plant life
82—Wear into
84—One thousandth of millrels
87—Nova Scotia (abbr.)
89—Left side (abbr.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE





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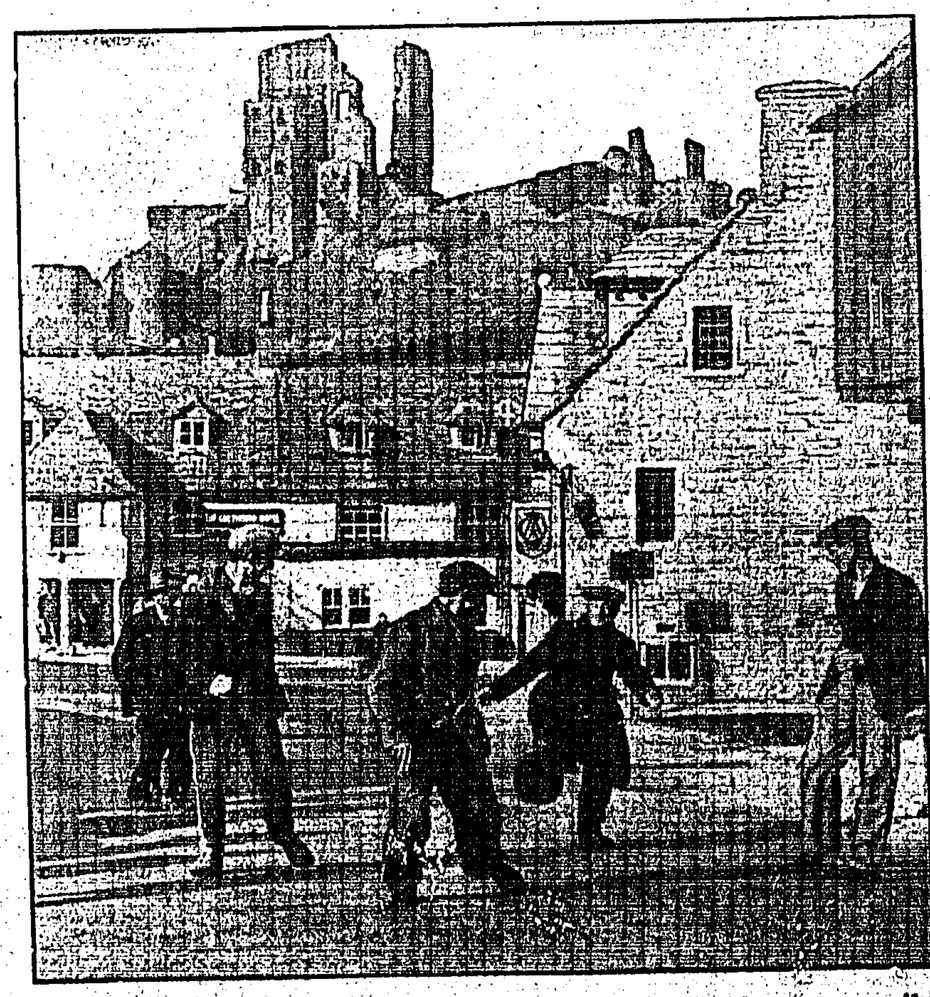

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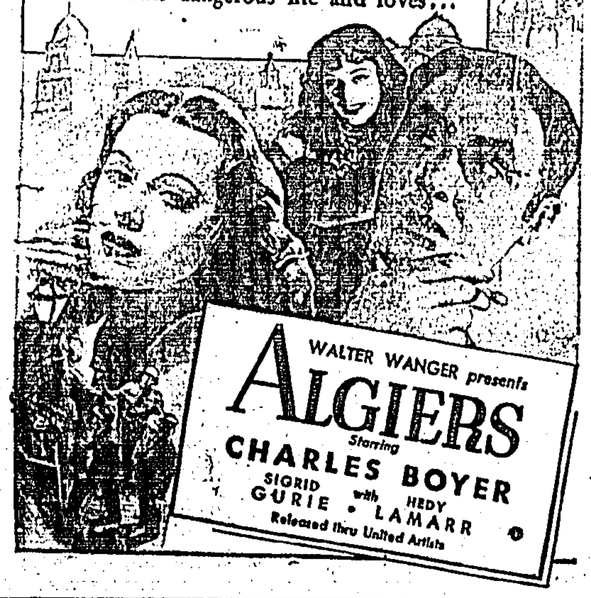

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HITLER'S "NO" TO PLEA FOR PEACE

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France is the condition for her entering any world conference.

It is anticipated that President Roosevelt's telegram will become a dead letter here, and that no counter-proposals will be made.—*Reuter.*

Italo-German Talks

Rome, Apr. 17.

Field-Marshal Hermann Goering left for Berlin to-day after talks with Mussolini on President Roosevelt's message.

Italy's reply to the appeal is expected to be made simultaneously with Germany's.—*Reuter.*

World Opinion Behind U.S.

Washington, Apr. 17.

World public opinion for peace is "strongly developing" behind President Roosevelt's appeal to Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini, said Mr. Cordell Hull, in a statement to-day.

He declared that the Administration was "much gratified" by the reaction from the European and Western Hemisphere to the President's proposal.

He said: "There is evidence of a definite feeling that a practical and timely contribution has been made to the cause of peace, and that public opinion, the most potent of all forces for peace, is strongly developing throughout the world."

Mr. Cordell Hull said that he had received no indication from Berlin and Rome what their answers would be.—*Reuter.*

Berlin Hostility

Berlin, Apr. 17.

The evening papers here continue to publish hostile comments on President Roosevelt's message, emphasising the favourable reception given to it by the Western Powers and the Soviet.

The "Lokalan Zeitung" considers that the haste with which M. Kalinin replied is proof that it was the result of "pre-concerted action."

The "Boersen Zeitung" denounces the "diabolical anticipations" of the British and French press, which "gives an ever clearer expression to the hope that the Axis Powers are now confronted by the alternative: either war or complete submission." The paper goes on to say that "this satanic hope is especially concentrated on Germany."

The "Deutsche Allgemein Zeitung" takes the view that President Roosevelt cannot expect the Axis Powers to have confidence in him, since he openly avowed his hostility to them before offering mediation.

The paper asks why the President did not address to the British Government a list of the countries supposed to be in danger of aggression, which includes Palestine, Syria, Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, the British activities in those regions being scarcely compatible with the humanitarian principles laid down by President Roosevelt.—*Trans-Ocean.*

New World's Gratitude

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull to-day expressed his gratification at the public and governmental reaction to President Roosevelt's notes to the dictators.

He said it was the unanimous sentiment of the sixteen American nations, and also that Canada is mobilising public opinion in favour of the maintenance of peace.

"Naturally I and my associates are much gratified at the reaction in this hemisphere and in Europe. There are evidences of a definite feeling that a practical and timely contribution has been made to the cause of peace," said Mr. Hull.

He said no direct reply had yet been received from either Germany or Italy.—*United Press.*

Italian Reply

Rome, Apr. 17.

Field Marshal Goering left here to-day. He is reported to be carrying to Berlin a brief reply from Mussolini regarding President Roosevelt's proposals.

The answer is said to be substantially negative, but suggests that the general idea of non-aggression pacts and disarmament conferences are not distasteful to Italy and Germany - if they could be broached in another manner.

The Axis powers resent any implication that they are trouble makers, and any proposals on these premises will be unacceptable.

The Axis reply to Roosevelt will be delayed until Field Marshal Goering has conferred with Hitler and his Foreign Minister.

Meanwhile, the Axis hopes that Paris and London will seize the occasion to make the proposals acceptable by removing the sting of inference that Italy and Germany are the only potential aggressors.—*United Press.*

Western Support

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17.

The Department of State reveals that the Western Hemisphere has indicated unanimous adherence to President Roosevelt's messages.

Messages have been received by the Department from Guatemala, Mexico and Haiti, while it was announced that the President of Paraguay cabled direct to President Roosevelt.—*United Press.*

Italian Opinion

ROME, Apr. 17.

In an editorial on President Roosevelt's message the "Popolo d'Italia" declares that the present European situation is the result of the Versailles treaty.

It continues; "The world laughs upon reading the really surprising things for which the President of the United States asks a guarantee."

It claims that Spain is bound to Italy not only through the anti-Comintern Pact but through the "brotherhood of arms and ideals."

It declares that Roosevelt should address himself to Britain and France.

"How can one have the pretence that he is judging the life of nations when he does not know the geographical and historical situations?

"The Fascist Council is sure that gestures, such as those the American Republic have made, give rise to alarm and confusion and rather than clarifying the international situation they render it more disturbed."—the editorial concludes.—*United Press.*

LONDON, Apr. 18.—The Yokohama Specie Bank announces to-day repayment on May 1 of the City of Osaka five per cent. bonds, which mature on that date. The "News Chronicle", which is the only paper to comment on the announcement, says that this repayment may help Japanese credit, which at present, needs all the help it can get.—*Reuter.*

'Dodie, Let's Get Married'

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THE secret marriage of Miss Dodie Smith, playwright, who wrote "Autumn Crocus," "Service," and "Call it a Day," and her business manager, Mr. Alec Beesley, was revealed by her friends in New York recently.

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ACT II.

There is the sound of applause from a theatre audience. It is another successful first night for playwright Miss Dodie Smith, the girl who used to buy toys for a store.

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"I need a business manager," she says to Alec Beesley. He who used to be her superior become her employee.

ACT III.

In New York, in cold, crisp March. Miss Dodie Smith, with her Rolls Royce, her dog, and her business manager, has come for the production of her latest play, "Dear Octopus."

The play has a short run; it closes. "Let's get married," says Alec Beesley.

They decide not to tell a soul that they are married "somewhere in America."

They leave New York with their dog in the Rolls Royce, and set out on a world-wide honeymoon.

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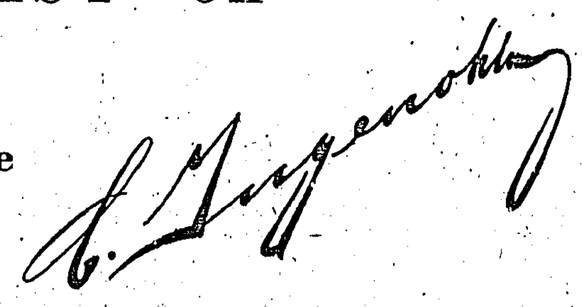
Genuine  Each Box carries this signature

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